



Dorin Park PTA Meeting

Thursday 17 November 2022

Minutes

Time and Location

7.30pm – Home via Microsoft Teams

Present

Lesley Body, Karen Nash, Lucy Lee, Bridget Aldridge, Maxine Nevitt, Gillian Driscoll, Sarah Adam, Nicole Luijnenburg

Apologies

Amanda Hartley, Jay Hartley, Amanda Glennon, Lisa Robertshaw, Graham Davies, Amanda East, Vicky Roberts, Naomi Cowley, Helen Muggleton, Claire McKelvey.

Items to be minutes

None

Actions from previous meeting

- Karen – Karen has had feedback from the CO-OP about the local community fund and has giving them the info that we need money to resurface the car park – ongoing (won't be before spring 2023)
- Sarah Adam – to chase Storyhouse up for an invoice so that we can pay them - ongoing
- Lesley – will write on the next newsletter how much we've raised and where the money is being spent on. To check with Karen to make a list of what we've spent – ongoing
- Lesley – B&Q have put a stop on 'community reuse' scheme for now, but Lesley will check again – ongoing

- Everyone – to keep using Easy Fundraising while shopping online.

Action for Lesley to do a post about Easy Fundraising before Christmas.

- Lesley – will make a little booklet about Easy Fundraising, the school lottery and the Amazon Smile and Just Giving page, so that new parents will be aware of those too.

Treasurer Report

See attachment (Finance summary November 2022).

We now have a total of £23.118 in the bank. We still need to pay for the sensory garden and Storyhouse though (in total about £10.000).

Boohoo Sales

Action – Amanda to check with Whitby Social Club if we can use their venue for the next Boohoo sales – ongoing. Although we will need to get it in and out on the same day.

Gillian mentioned to check with Bridge Community Farms in Ellesmere Port.

We don't have new stock yet, so we'll have to decide on this first.

Roberts Recycling

Lesley suggested to reduce the amount of collection times and also to have a drop off point. Lucy suggested to follow the letters to parents up with one or two text messages closer to the collection time.

Elsie Ever After

The charity Elsie Ever After are facing financial uncertainty and they asked if we would consider to do a fundraising event for them or any other support. Lucy suggested to offer the donations for Christmas jumper day to them. Gillian mentioned there are a lot of other good small charities that will need extra donations too especially during the upcoming recession, so suggested was to make it clear for parents why we have chosen this charity this time. Decided was to have a yearly nomination by people in school to which charity we decide to donate to and why and to support Elsie Ever After this time.

Christmas

9th of December is the Christmas fair with Father Christmas (Jay) in the grotto. We'll have volunteers for the morning and the afternoon session.

Action – Lesley will drop off the urn and the refreshments (hot chocolates ☺) in the morning. Maxine and Gillian can help set up in the morning. Nicole and Karen will help in the afternoon.

The school bus will pick up the Christmas tree on the 30th of November.

First Christmas meal will be at the White Horse on the 9th of December. And there will be a second meal in January (20th or 27th) as not everyone can make December.

13th of December lower school is having their nativity. **Action – PTA volunteers to help to make hot drinks etc, we have mince pies too 😊.** Christmas raffle draw will be on 13 December, a letter has been sent out in the meantime to parents.

12th of December upper school is having their nativity.

Fundraising Ideas

Our regular fundraisers that keep us ticking over are:

- School lottery
- Easy fundraising
- Roberts recycling
- Our quarterly raffles

AOB

Bridget mentioned school is going completely cash-less so we'll need to give information to parents where / how they can pay online for PTA donations etc. **Action – Amanda Hartley to action this.** Claire mentioned we pay for the Just Giving platform so suggested was to utilise this for donations. **Action – Karen looked into the Just Giving page, decided was to give people the option to donate a Pound on own-clothes day etc and to put the link for Just Giving in the email school sends out.**

The Wirral Riding School approached Helen to say any children with any needs can go to a weekly class on a Tuesday evening. They've been to a few SEN schools with therapy horses and it has been very successful so far. They offered therapy sessions for Dorin Park, brushing the horse and having contact with the horses (not riding). Debbie is a trained coach with 'Special Olympics' and has sent over some details to Lesley to offer to tailor make a package and sent costings over. **Action - Sarah Adam to chase up The Wirral Riding School.**

Next PTA Meeting

Next meeting is booked for Thursday 26.01.2023 at 7.30pm via Microsoft Teams.

Nicole Luijnenburg