



Dorin Park PTA Meeting

Thursday 22 September 2022

Minutes

Time and Location

7.30pm – Home via Microsoft Teams

Present

Amanda Hartley, Lesley Body, Jay Hartley, Claire McKelvey, Bridget Aldridge, Maxine Nevitt, Helen Muggleton, Gillian Driscoll, Sarah Adam.

Apologies

Nicole Luijnenburg, Amanda Glennon, Lisa Robertshaw, Graham Davies, Amanda East, Vicky Roberts, Naomi Cowley, Lucy Lee, Karen Nash

Items to be minutes

Lesley mentioned she doesn't have a child at Dorin Park anymore. She and everyone else is very happy for her to continue with her PTA role though. Amanda mentioned that's absolutely fine as long as the GDPR aspects are being followed.

Amanda mentioned that we now have the official authorisation for the lottery, so we now have a licence for the school lottery. We will have to reapply every year.

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
- Lesley – to read Jane Rowlinson's report about the Storyhouse projects are getting on – ongoing. Claire & Gillian mentioned one of the visits from Storyhouse before the holidays were really good. More visits are in the pipeline.
- Sarah Adam – to chase Storyhouse up for an invoice so that we can pay them.

- Lesley – will write on the next newsletter how much we've raised and where the money is being spent on. To check with Karen.
- 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.
- 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.

Summer Fair

Sarah Adam – to check with Lucy Lee if thank you post cards have been sent yet.

Treasurer Report

See attachment (Finance summary September 2022).

We now have a total of £22.805 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

Next collection date is Wednesday 16th November 2022. Action – Maxine to send out the letter on Friday the 4th of November.

Halloween

The Halloween party is booked for the 19th of October. Letters have been sent out by Maxine in the meantime.

Decided was not to do a scary spooky walk around Live, just because quite some children might be scared of the dark.

Suggested was to have a sales for Halloween costumes we have in stock at upcoming coffee mornings. And to put the gazebo up again with sensory elements.

Decided was last time to do the tombola at Halloween and raffle prizes with Christmas.

Action – Helen will speak to Moston if they have any sweets donations. And she'll send an email to Blakemore Retail to ask if they can provide us with a £30 voucher which we can use for sweets.

Action – Lucy Lee to let Amanda know how many classes we need pumpkins for.

Action – everyone to check with Asda (Greyhound Park) & Morrisons to ask if they could donate pumpkins.

Action – everyone to donate / ask for tombola prizes.

Action – Sarah Adam to speak to Debbie about the food.

Christmas

Decided was last time to do the tombola at Halloween and raffle prizes with Christmas.

Jay will stick to a Friday re Father Christmas in the grotto, suggested was the 9th of December.

Action – everyone to donate / ask for raffle prizes.

Action – Sarah Adam will check if we'll do a Christmas Fair.

Lesley suggested a PTA Christmas meal at the White Horse, Restaurant 1539 or the Indian on Upton Lane. The **9th of December** was suggested 😊. Action – Lesley to contact the White Horse.

Amanda suggested somethings else than sweets to give the kids for Christmas. Gillian suggested advent calendar books from the Works. And for some of the kids to choose a Christmas tree.

Helen suggested a colouring competition for Christmas, e.g. decorate Santa's hat. We can then use them as decorations in school, make a bunting out of them.

And a school choir to go to Starbucks at Sealand Road, Action – to check a date when the bus is available.

Fundraising Ideas

Our regular fundraisers that keep us ticking over are:

- School lottery
- Easy fundraising
- Roberts recycling
- Our quarterly raffles – Action for everyone - to keep chasing raffle prizes for Christmas

AOB

Bridget mentioned she found a table cricket table for £200. Sarah Adam mentioned Bridget can get this from the sports fund instead of the PTA.

Amanda mentioned Mrs Mills from Maple class put on her wishlist some kitchen items. Microwave, kettle, a toaster and weighing scales to get the most out of the sessions to do with food without having to run up and down to the senior kitchen. Karen and Lucy questioned if microwave's can be used in the class rooms. **Action – Lucy to check this – ongoing.**

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 to look into the Just Giving page.**

Bridget mentioned we raised £357 for the Move-a-thon 😊.

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 – Lesley to forward the email to Sarah Adam.**

Claire has been working on a range of grant applications in the background. As soon as she has any updates she'll let us know.

Next PTA Meeting

Next meeting is booked for Thursday 17.11.2022 at 7.30pm via Microsoft Teams.

Nicole Luijnenburg

Enclosed: Karen's Finance Summary September 2022