



# Dorin Park PTA AGM Meeting

## Wednesday 29 February 2024

### Minutes

#### **Time and Location**

7.30pm – Teams online

#### **Present**

Lesley Body, Nicole Luijnenburg, Karen Nash, Gillian Driscoll, Sarah Adam, Becky Hanna, Jane Rowlinson, Maxine Nevitt, Claire McKelvey.

#### **Apologies**

Sharon Marsh, Yvonne Winstanley, Naomi Cowley, Lisa Robertshaw, Amanda Hartley, Jay Hartley, Helen Muggleton, Bridget Aldridge, Becky Mylchreest.

#### **Items to be minuted**

Amanda East has decided to step away from the PTA, a huge thanks for her support in the past few years!

We have spent £600 on Theatre Porto which was agreed.

We agreed on an Amazon Prime account of £60 per year.

Amanda has sourced 4 benches from the Architect in Chester which have been delivered to school. We have agreed on a £40 donation. The donation will go to the Architect's charity which is the Hospice of Good Shepherd.

#### **Actions from previous meeting**

- Everyone – to have a think about a different name for our private PTA Facebook group for parents so it's not confused with our public Facebook group.
- Karen – Karen will try again in March re CO-OP when it opens again – ongoing.

- Lesley – B&Q ‘community reuse’ scheme – ongoing. Will also look into the Wickes Community Programme (Sarah A. will check what is needed in school)
- Everyone – to keep using Easyfundraising while shopping online – ongoing.
- Becky – to put a ‘thank you’ post on Facebook for Party Time Mascots as we forgot to mention them in our booklet

### **Treasurer Report**

See attachment.

### **Roberts Recycling**

Next collection will be on 13 March, following on from this in May, July and November.

Action – Becky to put a post on Facebook.

### **Fundraising Ideas**

Our regular fundraisers that keep us ticking over are:

- School lottery
- Easyfundraising
- Roberts recycling
- Our quarterly raffles

### **Easter**

We’ll be doing a colouring competition (after Easter), a ‘guess the name of the bunny’ competition (last week before the holidays) and the raffle (draw at the primary Easter celebration).

Agreed was to offer the children who can’t have normal chocolates a little bag with one gluten / dairy free chocolate bar + a little arts & crafts set.

Action – Maxine will send the letter out for the raffle on Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> of March.

Action – anyone able to help to pack the bags with chocolates for the kids? Gillian offered to help.

### **Summer fair – Thursday 2 May (twilight session)**

Agreed was to have a bouncy castle again. Action – Lesley will check availability & prices.

Action – Karen can’t attend the spring fair so she will need to know in advance what float is needed.

We will make up some outdoor games baskets from the Moston Garage donations + we could have a stall selling their donated stuff too.

Upton's Pavilion's summer fair is in September. They charge £30 for a stall. Darren will put our name forward though to possibly win a free stall.

Staff will do the stalls like last time. We'll have the food / burgers, outdoor games and maybe a books sale. We could also use books as tombola / raffle prizes.

## **AOB**

Lesley & Maxine have found thank you cards that we can use to send to individual places / shops etc who help our PTA (e.g. Moston Garage, Coop in Hoole, Starbucks etc). **Action – to be sent between Easter and the summer fair**

On 27 March from 1.30pm till 1.45pm primary parents will come to school to visit the classes, they are welcomed to have a cup of tea / coffee beforehand. **Action – PTA members welcome to help.**

Bridget would like to organise another 'Walkathon' in a weekend – ongoing.

We have loads of books still in storage, suggested was to donate them to libraries or the Kidsbank Chester or other charities if we can't shift them on the summer fair.

Helen was thinking of suggesting a year 6 Prom. It'll be for about 50 people in total. Suggested to look into having it at the top floor of Storyhouse, Live or Space. **Action – we'll have a chat with Helen in the next meeting.**

Jane asked if the PTA would agree to pay for the Leavers Hoodies as the school will possibly not be able to fund these this year. The total price will be about £400. Suggested was for the students to come up with a small fundraising event and/or use the money that we'll get for the 'Guess the name of the Bunny' competition. The PTA will then pay the shortfall.

Lesley asked if we wanted to do another Boohoo sales. We could do it in the school's hall on a Saturday at the end of summer. **Action – Sarah will check availability. Action – Nicole will keep an eye on the Boohoo scandal which was in the news late last year.**

Nicole mentioned that some of the teachers and TA's are doing the Chester 10K on the 10<sup>th</sup> of March. They're doing this in memory of Ciara Fowler who passed away last November, to fundraise for Rett Syndrome. **Sarah – to please let them know that they they're more than welcome to put their fundraise link on our PTA Facebook pages so that parents can donate money if they like.**

## **Next PTA Meeting**

Our next meeting is scheduled via Teams on Thursday 18 April, to be confirmed.

Nicole Luijnenburg

Attached: Finance Report