



Dorin Park PTA Meeting

Wednesday 16 May 2024

Minutes

Time and Location

7.30pm – Teams online

Present

Lesley Body, Amanda Hartley, Jay Hartley, Nicole Luijnenburg, Gillian Driscoll, Sarah Adam, Becky Hanna, Claire McKelvey, Bridget Aldridge, Yvonne Winstanley, Karen Nash.

Apologies

Sharon Marsh, Naomi Cowley, Lisa Robertshaw, Becky Mylchreest, Helen Muggleton, Maxine Nevitt.

Items to be minuted

The name of our Facebook page for parents & carers has now been changed to: Dorin Park PTA Private for Parents and Carers.

Action – Amanda to send an email to parents to make them aware of our Facebook page for parents & carers and how to access it.

Action – Becky to put a picture of school on our public page (Dorin Park Pta).

Amanda mentioned the Spotify element for the DJ set is more costly than we thought. School will do more research with regards to the musical element on the DJ set, similar as Spotify. School has asked for another amplifier as they only have one which is not in the best state, so they need an extra one. Agreed was for the PTA to pay for the new amplifier. Total price for DJ set and amplifier will be about £750. Lesley mentioned that we are now using the proforma's for items we are buying.

Action – Amanda to send a proforma for the Santa suit, the amplifier and the DJ set to which we have all agreed.

Lesley reminded us of the DBS checks for us PTA members.

Actions from previous meeting

- Karen – Karen will try again in March re CO-OP when it opens again – ongoing.
- Lesley – B&Q ‘community reuse’ scheme – ongoing. Nicole will also look into the Wickes Community Programme. Sarah A. mentioned we’d like to update our bathrooms, so big wall stickers could be an idea, Sarah will just double check the health & safety aspect of the stickers.
- Everyone – to keep using Easyfundraising while shopping online – ongoing.

Treasurer Report

See attachment (Finance report May 24).

Roberts Recycling

Next collections will be in July and November.

Fundraising Ideas

Our regular fundraisers that keep us ticking over are:

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

Other suggestions:

*Coffee morning at the end of term.

*Amanda suggested a bowling competition.

*Gillian suggested an Amazon wish list for the PTA. Each class could make a list of what they need. Sarah A. mentioned September time would be a good time to do it.

*Bridget would like to do a ‘Beach Ramble’ in New Brighton. Suggestion at the moment is Saturday the 6th of July (not confirmed yet), with an entry fee of £5 per family including a drink for the kids, a medal and maybe a little beach-style present (will still have some items in storage). We can bring buckets to fundraise. Gillian suggested that all entries go in a prize draw to win a summer hamper. And if you come dressed up you can win a prize! **Action – Amanda will check (anonymously) with Parentkind and the Wirral Council if we are allowed to ask the public for money.**

*More fundraise suggestions: see below under Spring fair Feedback.

Spring Fair Feedback

We made a profit of £285.32 but the mascots still need to be paid to be paid (£30). Although we will hopefully still get money in for the raffles during the sports days. **Action - Nicole will chase up Space's invoice for the mascots.**

Feedback:

*Agreed was that we should buy less food for the next fair in school as we spent more on the food than we made on it.

*Also agreed was that we should put on our fair's adverts that it's cash-only.

***Action – Karen will do some research on a better (Sumup) card reader system.**

*Nicole suggested to advertise our fairs a bit earlier as some pupils were already booked onto after school clubs.

*We all thought it was less busy than last year's fair and that there were mainly primary pupils. So we'll need to think about activities for the older pupils too.

***Action – Amanda to send out a parents' survey to ask what they thought about the fair and to ask for suggestions. Sarah A. will draft a survey and will send it to Amanda.**

*Claire suggested to spend a little budget (about £20) to buy little treats to make nice looking Hampers for our raffle.

*Amanda suggested a bigger fair for next year, but to first wait to hear back from the parents survey. We will need to keep working hard to get funds in as schools' budgets are getting tighter.

*Becky suggested to organise a fair in a weekend on the car park. Claire suggested to hold it in a half way house, a big hall with outdoor space.

*Gillian suggested to pair up with other fairs (e.g. Upton Pavilion fair, Live summer fair, SPACE fairs). **Action – Lesley to check with Upton Pavilion and Upton Social Club.** Nicole has checked with SPACE in the meantime but with regards to the Eaton Estate Garden Open Day in August, for which SPACE will be the designated charity, Easton Estate has let us know that all fundraise proceeds on the day will have to go to SPACE only. However SPACE is potentially holding their own summer fair in the summer to which our PTA is more than welcome to attend, but a date is not confirmed yet. **Action – Nicole to keep an eye on this.**

*Gillian suggested to approach some local businesses to ask if they have a social responsibility policy to support a local charity and if they would like to support our PTA. Amanda mentioned that one of the Governors (David) is looking into match funding for us and into what businesses we should approach. Becky mentioned that Everton in the community are really good with supporting local charities etc. Amanda mentioned that there's an iron monger company who are prepared to give a grant to children with special needs under the age of 25 (£1000).

*Nicole suggested to contact Charitable Trust like the Steve Morgan Foundation.

*Yvonne mentioned that the Charitable Trust at her work give out grants, **action – Yvonne will**

Contact the people who are in charge of decision making with regards to grants

Action – Sarah A. will have a look into key areas where we need funding for so that we can make a plan who to approach. Most charitable trusts would like to see a plan of action, how much we'd need, in which areas financial support is going to help us and why etc.

AOB

Action – Lesley will write another newsletter by the end of June. Suggested was to put the Halloween date on it, as well as the Beach Ramble, the AGM, Roberts Recycling dates, the spring fair and all the things our PTA have recently funded.

Next PTA Meeting

Our next meeting is our AGM meeting and is scheduled on Wednesday the 3rd of July, either on Teams or face-to-face in the pub.

Nicole Luijnenburg

Attached: Finance Report and the Wishlist Proforma