Dorin Park PTA AGM Meeting
Wednesday 2 April 2025
Minutes

Time and Location

7.30pm – Teams

Present

Amanda Hartley, Sarah Adam, Karen Nash, Becky Hanna, Gillian Driscoll, Maxine Nevitt, Jane Rowlinson, Nicole Luijnenburg, Jennifer Ellams.

Apologies

Lesley Body, Claire McKelvey, Yvonne Winstanley, Jay Hartley, Sharon Marsh, Lisa Robertshaw, Naomi Cowley, Helen Muggleton, Bridget Aldridge.

Items to be minuted

Lesley has purchased the soil for the sensory garden area. Lesley has also spent about £60 on Easter items.

Big Yellow has donated us another room in storage, it's about an extra £10 per month for this extra unit.

Actions from previous meeting

- Yvonne – to have a look at the CO-OP charity funding – ongoing.
- Nicole – B&Q 'community reuse' scheme – ongoing. Nicole has registered for the Wickes Community Programme and the Neighbourly platform for B&Q – action to follow that up with Wickes store Manager.
- Everyone – to keep using Easyfundraising while shopping online – ongoing.
- Maxine and Amanda will check with Martin re the QR code and card reader before the spring fair

Treasurer Report

See attachment.

Fundraising Ideas

Our regular fundraisers that keep us ticking over are:

- School lottery
- Easyfundraising
- Roberts recycling: 16 July and 12 November
- Our quarterly raffles

Easter

The colouring and craft competition is still ongoing, they will be judged on Friday the 25th of April.

Spring Fair

The date has been set for the 12th of June as a twilight event in school. Karen will send a list to Sarah, Amanda and Lesley of last year's spring fair with stalls etc and what we've earned on what.
Action – organise an 'own clothes day'

Other suggestions:
*Hand massage by the kids from the pamper club.
*Free games outside.
*Bouncy castle?
*Disco.
*Storm Troopers or other mascots.
*Drinks stall + kitchen open for sales.
*Cake stall: ask for donations beforehand.
*Chocolate tombola, teddy tombola, adult (bottle) tombola, toy tombola / stall, we'll need to check what items there are in storage which we can use.
*Raffle.
*A stall where the children can for example sow their own sunflower seed and we can turn it into a sunflower competition. And/or decorating empty eggshells and sowing cress seeds in damp cotton wool inside.
*Our school choir to sing a few songs, maybe combined with our dance club.
Action – Jane will contact the parents of the children who are in the choir.
*Action – Amanda to contact Franco the ice cream man

AOB

*Amanda mentioned that Mostyn Garage is being knocked down. Helen will try to create a connection with whoever is going to take over but this may take a while. Action – if anyone know of any new connections or shop owners for donations that would be great.

*Parents Survey has been sent to parents. Action – Sarah will chase up the results of the parents' suggestions and feedback re the last fair we organised.

*Dorin Park is 50 years old in June 2027!
Amanda said we will need to start planning properly in January 2026.
Suggestions:
-Becky's connection has agreed to pay for the 'Singing Hands' event (£850 + travel expenses).
-A fair, like our former summer fairs, on the Pavilion field.
-Ellesmere Port Civic Hall.
-Charity of the year for Eaton Estate. Action – Nicole to check with Jemma how to go about applying for this.
-We could make it a '70-s theme, with maybe a '70-s fancy dress competition.
-We could use old pictures from back in the day to spread out over the venue.
-To invite the WI to serve cakes & coffee
-Nicole has got a contact via Alan's dad with Pete Waterman, you never know we may get an golden oldie to sing.
-Jen mentioned that Darren from the Pavilion has mentioned he could provide fast-track passes for children with additional needs.
-Tombola stall like we had on the Pavilion's last fair, it was really popular!

*Beach Stroll is on the 18th of May. Bridget will send a letter out to parents this week.

*Men in Sheds have made the notice boards. Action – to let them know if they need to be fixed to a wall or posts.

*The caretakers Dan and John have finished building the boats. They can also make the water play and Claire has asked them for costs.

Action – Sarah to ask Martin if he has some ideas / contacts re printing 'thank you' cards.

Next PTA Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Teams on Wednesday the 7th of May.

Nicole Luijnenburg

Attached: Treasurer Report