

Bollington St. John's PTA - **Minutes of Annual General Meeting**  
14th September 2018, 7:30pm,  
The Bull's Head, Kerridge.

**Attendees** - Claire Beardmore (Chair), Ric Cotton (Treasurer), John Rogers, Sarah Tyers, Nia Lock, Alison Grimshaw, Carole Jones, Maria Stewart, Kelly Higgins, Lydia Davies, Kate Aaron, Laura Hogben & (FaceTime Caroline Kershaw & Laraine Bailey)

**Apologies** - Mrs Walker, Mr Timmis, Mrs Watson, Anna Tappenden & Sam Wightman

### **1) Welcome and Introduction**

### **2) Chair Report**

### **3) Treasurer Report**

### **4) Online Fundraising -**

Amazon Smile - It was agreed that this needs to be promoted more as some attendees didn't realise what this service was or in fact, whether the PTA benefit from this using it. Regular updates will now be provided via School Spider and the FaceBook page. RC to gather further information on this, Easyfundraising and The Giving Machine and will look at launching a campaign in the run up to Christmas online shopping.

RC suggested launching a Social Media competition for Tesco's Bags for Help. This would involve uploading a picture to the Facebook page whilst donating a blue token and a winner would be selected at the end of October.

### **5) PTA Presence -**

Attendees advised that the PTA needs to be promoted more to the new Reception families. Suggested that we review the New Starter Welcome Pack and ensure that we are involved in the next New Starter's Assembly. The PTA organised a New Starter's Social evening to welcome new families and ensure that we are recognisable, unfortunately, only committee members attended.

KH & LD commented that they are disappointed that new parents don't engage with the PTA until a few months into the school year, and felt that this was because they are preoccupied until their children are settled into school.

A Pop-Up coffee morning was suggested, however this needs further discussion regarding location and cost/ time effectiveness.

### **6) Parent Feedback -**

KH advised that she had sought feedback in the playground about the PTA and raised the following;

- Would like to see second hand uniform being sold in the playground again. LB suggested having a stall at the upcoming Car Boot Sale.
- Possibly of having 2 separate discos for the infants and juniors as they are too busy and boisterous. This would mean starting the fun earlier, CB advised that Gosling's need to be considered as they hire the space until 6pm, hence why the disco starts at this time.
- Film Nights - running two movies straight after school, one film for the younger children and one for the older. This would need to be investigated and would rely on having more helpers to help supervise and run.

## **7) 50th Birthday Celebrations -**

Sarah Tyers has volunteered to take the lead on this and proposes an Open Evening on 8th October. There will be hot drinks, cakes and printed mugs available to purchase. Looking at asking Year 6 to show ex-pupils around the school. Details to be confirmed with Mrs Walker and further details will follow when available.

## **8) Diary Dates -**

**September** - Car Boot Sale - LB gave update on numbers and the need to advertise and promote this to ensure it's success.

**October** - Film Night - date and details to follow.

**November** - 50th Celebrations and Christmas Themed Disco

**December** - Christmas Fair (CK & LB volunteered to organise)

**January** - Poacher's Pub Quiz & Social Games Night

**February** - Valentine's themed Disco

**March** - Film Night

**May** - Ceilidh

**June/ July** - Sport's Day, Leaver's Disco & Summer Fair (KA will lead)

## **8) Fundraising**

- KH suggested holding a cake sale every month, with the parents from the selected year group bake cakes and their children sell them outside school at the end off the day.
- Ferret Racing evening
- Grandparent's Luncheon, suggested by John. Invite Grandparents to go into school to dine with the children and stay for assembly. This would need to be discussed with the catering department.

## **9) Parental Involvement**

The general feeling of the meeting is that there are lots of great suggestions for fundraising and entertainment for the children. The issue that prevents lots of events taking place/ being cancelled is the lack of parental involvement. There is currently a core group of parents who organise/ run the events, however moving forward, they are unable to continue to commit their time, so new parents need to be actively involved to guarantee the PTA's future success. It was agreed to recruit a Class Representative from each year group and set up a What'sApp group. It would be the Rep's responsibility to update their group and request help for upcoming events -

Reception - Lydia Davies

Y1 - Alison Grimshaw

Y2 - Kelly Higgins

Y3 - need to recruit

Y4 - Sarah Tyers

Y5 - John Rogers

Y6 - Maria Stewart

### **10) Election Results -**

Chair - No Votes

Vice Chair - Kate Aaron

Treasurer - No votes

Head of Publicity - Lydia and Chris Davies to job share

Secretaries - No votes

Head of Fundraising - Lydia and Laura are interested in helping, however, are not able to commit to the role full time. RC to work alongside them.

### **11) Facebook -**

It was suggested that we need to organise and streamline the way we contact parents, as it is recognised that some parents are not being reached and they don't use FaceBook. CB to investigate other means of contact, such as School Spider.

### **12) 200 Club -**

There are currently 78 members and generates £225 profit per annum. Maria Stewart currently runs this, but is leaving in June 2019. ST will decide whether she can commit to running in the New Year, CK to support. It was agreed that this needs to be promoted as it needs 200 members to continue and be viable.

### **13) AOB -**

Next big ticket item - it was a general decision that staff laptops were not to be agreed. RC reminded us about Mrs Walker's comments about the possibility of refurbishing the basement and how it could be used for changing rooms/ toilets. This would allow the PTA to utilise the school premises without having to gain entry to the school and classrooms. This gives the potential to lease out the ground to host football tournaments, markets, festivals and birthday parties.