

## Minutes of Hagley Catholic High School PTA

### Meeting held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017

#### ATTENDEES:

Chairman: Peter Harrington

**Committee members:** Irene Brew, Gavin Buchannan, Annie Dunseith, Bob Horton, Emma Randle, David Teboule, Teresa Teboul, Bernadette Wilson, Lisa Worrall.

**Teachers/School:** None in attendance.

**Apologies :** Carol Carew, Andre Thibault, Antoinette Connolly, Slava Elcock, Lisa McCourt, Julie Redden.

#### 1. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Peter welcomed everyone to the meeting. He thanked the previous Committee for all of their hard work and for all of the funds that they had raised.

Peter asked all present to keep Irene's Uncle (RIP) and Slava's Mum (not well) in their prayers.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

#### 2. TREASURER'S REPORT

Irene advised that Andre had informed her that, after payments to the Air Ambulance and Lourdes Fund, there was £618.99 left in the account.

£1,700 cheques have not yet been sent – Peter to chase Claire / Andre.

Peter will shortly be arranging a separate meeting with Andre & Irene. They will meet at Nat West Stourbridge to go through the finances and set up a new system so that a statement is available.

Peter advised that the sum he has in mind to raise this year is £26,000.

Peter is planning a "Sponsored Hair Cut" – he plans to make an event of it and will hire a room etc. He's hoping to raise about £4,000. He asked for everyone on the Committee's support and said he would be most grateful if they could each take a sponsor form and ask their friends and relatives etc for their support.

Peter met with Mr Hammond. One of the projects they discussed was the school toilets. The quote for the cost of refurbishment is £25,000. We need to liaise with Worcestershire Planning Dept. Peter has a contact who is a builder. He is going to ask him to go along to the school and have a look at the possibilities.

Peter added that he has many contacts eg: The Catenians, people at Wolverhampton Wanderers, other PTA Committees that Peter belongs to, plus contacts in the Parish's.

### 3. GENERAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

**Annie Dunseith was proposed as Secretary.** Seconded by David Teboule.

Peter gave a "**Contact Details**" sheet to each Committee Member, for them to complete and return to him so that he has accurate records.

**PTA Association** – Membership has been renewed.

**Easy Fund Raising** – Has been successful in the past. David suggested that Peter discuss it with Mr Hammond. A suggestion was made for a competition between the various years at school, so that children would encourage their parents to use it.

**Toilets** – There has been a lot of concern from parents about the condition of the school toilets. Funds raised from the "Easy Fund Raising" could be used towards the toilets.

A suggestion was made that a note could perhaps be added to the school newsletter advising that the PTA were raising funds for the refurbishment of the toilets. So could parents please consider using "Easy Fund Raising" to help with the funding.

**Weather Lottery** - About £400 was raised from the Weather Lottery last year. To be discussed further when meet with Andre.

**PTA Meetings** – Annie to ask Claire to add the PTA future meeting dates to the website. Also the Text Messaging facility to also be used to remind parents of the PTA meetings.

**Parishes** – Peter stressed that it's good to target the local Parishes for much-needed funds, rather than just targeting parents. Peter plans to advertise our PTA meetings at local Parishes and say "Grandparents – We need your help!" There are 8 Parishes that we can draw upon, rather than just the Hagley school and Hagley village. He will ensure info goes into their Bulletins and he will ask the local Priests to make announcements about them.

**Crowdfunding** – Irene made the suggestion of Crowdfunding. It is easy to set up and anybody can do it. Irene will provide details at the smaller meeting to discuss finances.

**Lottery Fund** – Peter said that he had already had 2 big interviews with the Lottery Fund providers. There may be a possibility of some funding as the school sports facilities are used by the Community eg: Badminton. Peter asked for £250,000.

There are other possibilities eg : **Catholic Trusts** that we could approach.

## **Meeting With Mr Hammond – Items Discussed**

Vintage Fair / Antique Fairs. Peter has an Antiques contact.

Have a PTA stall at Hagley Village events.

Beer Festival.

David added that the last Fashion Show was a successful event and enjoyed by all. Perhaps consider another one? There was some concern with the way the previous Fashion Show organisers organised the event ie: too much waiting time to pay, disrespectfully wanting to use the Chapel to change clothes etc. Teresa is going to another Fashion Show at St Peter's in Harborne run by a different company. Teresa will feedback how that goes.

Gavin said there seemed to be events for the Mums, so could we consider events aimed at the Dads eg: A "Go-Cart" Night, screening a Boxing Event or Football Event. Gavin will approach other Dad's and get their opinions of what they might enjoy. Peter will investigate the cost of the room at the pub for events for Dads.

Emma asked if she could add to the PTA "Wish List" – PE Storage for PE Kits eg: a Canopy or some form of coverage, as the children's clothes get soggy and wet if it rains. Peter will take this up with David King, who is responsible for sorting buildings within schools.

Peter has a meeting with all the Clergy next week, which may open another door for the PTA.

### **4. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS**

Venue: "West One Bar" – Hagley Village.

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2017 @ 7pm.

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017 @ 7pm

Annie sends her apologies for the meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> May – could someone else please kindly take the Minutes.

Peter will arrange to talk to the Teachers and ask if 1 or 2 could attend our future PTA meetings.