

Minutes of Hagley Catholic High School PTA

Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd May 2017

ATTENDEES:

Chairman: Pete Harrington

Committee Members: Marie Bloomer, Irene Brew, Carol Carew, Antoinette Connolly, Annie Dunseith, Slava Elcock, Bob Horton, Nikki Moyles, Emma Randle, Julie Redden, David Teboul, Andre Thibault, Bernie Willson, Lisa Worrall.

Teachers/School: None in attendance.

Apologies : Lisa MacCourt

Copy Of Minutes to Patrick Hunt – To add to School Website & add next PTA meeting date to School Website please.

1. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Welcome

Pete opened with a prayer and welcomed new member Marie Bloomer and all present to the meeting. The Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed.

Apologies/Correspondence

Pete passed an email to Annie from Lisa MacCourt. Lisa sent her apologies for this meeting and expressed that she may not be able to attend during the summer term at all, as she is a GCSE examiner working for 2 exam boards and she is away in Cambridge at meetings for much of May and June. She may not be able to attend meetings, but will do her best to be available for events.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT / PTA BANK BALANCE

Irene advised we previously had £1,748.99 in account.

Julie Jones (Finance at Hagley School) advised that there were other monies, belonging to the PTA, to be added bringing the total to £2792.70.

Irene said that £1,200 needs to come out of that against outstanding payments eg: the Air Ambulance, bringing the total balance in the new PTA Bank Account with Nat West to £1592.70. Having a PTA Bank Account and cheque book will make a big difference and make it easier for making payments etc.

Subsequent to the meeting Pete checked with the bank and PTA revised Bank Balance is £3082.70.

3. CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

Hair Removal Sponsorship

Pete advised all - that he has £658.45 so far guaranteed for his charity haircut and beard shave.

Building Project – Toilets – Visit To Studley High School & Builder's Report

Pete visited Studley School. The Head there raised half a million with grants available to an Academy.

Pete circulated photo's of the toilets at Studley School to give members an idea of the extent of the work and quality of fitments etc.

The work is in line with Mr Cullen's (the builder) ideas and our proposals. Mr Cullen has just completed work at a primary school and he has a child in 6th form at Hagley.

Pete discussed in detail about the layout of the toilets, sterile system eg: built in handwash, vandal proof fitments, corridor cameras etc.

Pete is waiting for 2 more quotes. He is proposing that the project should start next August. Cost approximately £30,000 + VAT. Pete is setting up the PTA as a charity to reap benefits of tax returns etc.

Pete encouraged PTA members to write letters and hand them to Pete to give to the school about the current state of the toilets and problems that pupils are experiencing. Also PTA members to ask other parents to do the same. Ideally, if they could bring one letter to the next meeting. Annie will draft a letter to go to other parents in the school and a copy to be displayed on the school website, advising that the PTA are embarking on a scheme to refurbish the toilets and asking for their comments. The more letters we have expressing concern about the toilets and the impact on their children, the stronger the case will be.

Slava stressed the importance of the PTA members remaining constantly vigilant on Government websites for Building Grants and "Googling" for Maintenance Grants. Pete will also speak to Karl (Business Manager) about available grants.

Antoinette briefly informed the Committee how similar requests made to the School Governors would have been handled in the past.

The PTA are happy to help the school with funds, however, in an ideal world – it would be perfect if funds could be created from a grant, freeing up PTA funds for other school needs.

The Head of Studley managed to involve a local MP and her staff also helped her with the application.

PTA members felt that it would be beneficial to reach back out to the Diocese and local parishes, primary schools etc for their support. Appeals could be made via Parish Bulletins for eg: Kidderminster, Stourbridge and wider areas.

Pete added that he felt sure that families who donated when the school was originally built would also be keen to help, along with their extended families.

Pete said he would be making investigations via grants, other charities, outside sources, lottery funding etc and see what is available.

4. **GENERAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

Weather Lottery

The Weather Lottery have forwarded a pile of papers to the PTA. Pete passed some of the leaflets around. Andre suggested circulating them on the chairs at the Spring Concert & Induction Evening. The Weather Lottery can generate a lot of money, if it is managed well.

Irene will give a leaflet to Patrick, so that he can add it to the school website.

Future Events

Race Night

Pete has films for Race Night. To keep it simple, without having to do our own catering, Fish & Chips will be provided. £5 ticket price, which includes Fish & Chips. We will provide a bar for drinks. The Catenians will organise the betting.

Pete suggested a Friday night this side of term so that he can have his haircut and beard shave for charity during the interval.

Subsequent to this meeting – Peter is suggesting Friday 7th July as the date for the Race Night – can you please let Pete know if this is a suitable date for you. Thanks.

David added that we should work to a minimum quota of 60 people, if not enough support, we should reconsider.

Antiques Valuation / Auction

Pete has spoken to Fieldings Auctioneers, they have proposed either:

- A lecture in the hall
- Bring your own items for valuation.
- An auction at the school.

for the school & families, parishes and local Hagley villagers.

Barn Dance

To be left until later on.

5. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Venue: “West One Bar” – Hagley Village.

Tuesday 20th June 2017 @ 7pm