

St Joseph's School Association

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MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday 2nd June 2015

Attendees:

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| Tracy McCarthy | Charlotte Saunders |
| Monica Stoker | Peter Coldwell |
| Kathryn Anderson | Ali Crockett |
| Alistair Robertson | Monica Moldehnke |
| Tanya McConn | Adele Costa Correa |

Apologies:

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| Liz Weatherhogg | Natalie Sullivan |
| Lisa O'Connor | Kate Foster |
| Rachel Kelly | Leigh Castle |

Opening Prayer – Peter Coldwell

Treasurer's Report – Monica Stoker

This was discussed fully at the funding meeting but to summarise, our account balance is £19,158 and it has been agreed to fund several requests as detailed in the funding meeting minutes (available on request).

Marathon – This new event has been a success.

The children's sponsored marathon was a great day with all the children enjoying themselves. The course layout looked good and was appealing to the children running it.

Thanks goes to Kim Foster and all the other helpers that made the day a success. We agreed that it would be good to do this event again but perhaps not every year.

Huge thanks and well done also to Leigh Castle who ran the London Marathon! The two events combined have raised in the region of £2000 for the school and a similar amount for GOSH. A fantastic amount.

May Fayre – Raised £4881

This was a fun day for all the family. Stalls that were popular were crockery smash, beat the goalie, splat the tomato, spin the wheel and there were lots of positive comments regarding the pony rides. The tug of war was also enjoyed by many. It was felt that the go-karts were expensive for a ride and a medal and that the amount they donated to the school didn't reflect what must have been taken on the day.

Other points discussed was the possibility of charging for children on the gate in addition to adults; perhaps 50p. Also it was felt that we could have charged more for the BBQ food; perhaps £2 for hot dogs as well as burgers.

However the event was a massive success. Huge thanks to Liz and Tracy who manage this event and the work they put into it for months in advance and also thanks to the teachers and parents who helped on the day.

Summer Disco – Friday 3rd July

This is a family disco which will be held outside (weather permitting).

- It will run from 6-8pm.
- £1 per person entry (adults & children) - **Peter will run the gate**
- BBQ – **Alistair to head, Monica S to serve**
- Pimms & Beer – **Tanya to head, Monica M & Charlotte to assist**
- Tombola – **Ali to head**
- Possibly bouncy castles – **Tracy to investigate**

Christmas Event – Ali started discussion regarding this.

Ali put forward the idea of trying to do something different from a Christmas Fayre this year, mainly due to the fact that the Fayre is a huge amount of work at an already busy time and that we need to find a way to run the Grotto more smoothly.

Ali suggested the idea of a Christmas party, with music, a few popular stalls such as chocolate tombola and the Grotto (with the possibility of more than one Father Christmas!).

This was discussed and felt that it may be too much to have two disco type events within two months and that the teachers would probably prefer to run the autumn disco as before in October rather than a Christmas party.

No firm conclusions were made but we will continue to think about this and talk about it further at the next meeting when a decision will have to be made.

Wild & Wacky Fundraiser – Was cancelled due to lack of ticket sales.

We had some feedback from parents as to why the tickets didn't sell for this event in the May half term. Generally it was felt that it would be the younger children at the school that would enjoy this event the most but that the time (6-8pm) was too late for them even though it was in the holidays. We talked about if it would make a difference being at a weekend but was decided that it was the time of evening rather than the day that was the issue. Also it was felt that there wasn't really enough time to advertise the event as it was on top of the May Fayre.

Tracy decided to perhaps look into doing another date for this at some stage.

100 Club – Update from Lisa

Letter is due to be sent out soon to advertise this and then a 'sign-up' letter will be sent out via book bags. The idea is for this to be set up for the first draw in September 2015.

There was also the idea that it would be great if the letter could be put into the 'new parents' information pack in the hope we could sell some numbers! **Kathryn agreed to speak to Lisa to see if this could be organised (has subsequently been agreed with Lisa).**

Future Dates:

Tuesday 30th June, 6pm – New Parents Evening. Nicky to do food. SA to do teas & coffees.

Friday 10th July, afternoon – Sports Day. SA to provide ice pops. Adele offered to run drinks stall.

Tuesday 14th July, 7pm – Leaver's Mass. Kate Foster to do teas & coffees.

AOB

Adele had the idea a new fundraiser – a Polish Ceilidh!! Adele will investigate further and report back to the next meeting.

Adele also reported at the meeting that during a discussion with some parents they had felt that the SA doesn't 'advertise' enough what it funds for the school. Committee members present explained all the ways in which we do report what we buy for the children however if the message isn't getting through we need to know how we can do this better. Adele kindly agreed to discuss this again with her group and report back.

Autumn Disco – Provisional date either 2nd or 9th October.

Date of Next Meeting - Tuesday 15th September 2015, 8pm.

MANY THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED.