

Chadsmead Academy PTFA
Minutes of meeting held Thursday 14th January 2016

Present: Ali Whillis, Tracy Wright, Sally Ward, Sharon Bennett, Phil Bennett, Denise De Borde, Owen, Elaine Stainforth, Sue Darby, Kerry Heath

1. Apologies: Alex Hems, Katy Aston, Sally Acton, Claire Baker, Rachel Taylor, Ellen Gibbons, Karen Turner

2. Review of last meetings minutes:

Christmas cards- General feeling that YRec were very good but others were not as effective, PTFA agreed that we would look at more effective ideas and possibly into different companies for this year. **SW**

3. Christmas fair feedback:

Best Father Christmas ever! **Can we have him back next year please? DB**

Suggestions: Improve Christmas decorations, more Christmassy music in both halls, split the popular tombola over 2 halls as it can be quite congested, cafe in ks1 hall for waiting parents, food for children's tea, **KH** may be able to let us have a snow machine (we buy the snow), photo booth idea

4. Santa's Round Table Sleigh:

This raised just under £450 so was a great success. It was a fun night and we all agreed we would like to try to get on again this year.

5. Treasurer's update: So far this academic year we have raised-

Spooky disco raised £477

Harvest Festival refreshments £18

Uniform Sale £110

(AW plans to set up an on-line shop for parents to access throughout the year as well as at uniform sales)

KS1 nativity refreshments £37

Santa's sleigh £450

Christmas cards £413

Christmas Fair £1000

Our only expenditure has been-Xmas trees, small lotteries licence fees and contributions towards class Christmas gifts.

6. Spring term activity:

Valentines Disco

Photobooth trial- Source backdrop and possibly Polaroid camera-**KH to source**

Ask school if we can use the printer this time just in case- **TW**

Glitter tattoos-**AW to organiser**

Card frames for photographs-**AW**

Hearts for wall display-**SW**

Curtains on door-**SW**

Heart shaped food-discuss nearer time

Flasy bits and glo-sticks-**AW**

Dads dressed up in DJ's on door ?-**PB and DS**

Ask for donations for photo booth props-**SW on newsletter**

Letters to shops/retailers asking for donations of backdrops etc.-**KH**

2nd hand jewellery stall-**SW ask for donations on newsletter**

Decorate an Easter Egg competition

Class prizes

Proposed date : To be confirmed

Chadsmead Got Talent

Enquire with school if it is going ahead and what input they would like us to have-**AH**

Easter Bingo

Propose date 23/24th March-**AH/TW to check**

New ideas

SD suggested purchasing a marquee for school events, especially the Summer Festival, could be left up for summer for the children to use for outdoor education-**KH to source ideas**

Family Picnic/BBQ

Movie night

Party in the park-with children performing.

Photographs- different ideas, **KH** explained that they use a photographer at the children's centre who then puts photos on mugs, key rings and Christmas gifts. Can we look at alternative photography companies and could we conduct a survey with parents as to their preferences-**AH to ask DB**

Photo Booth idea for disco's and fairs and Y6 leavers photos-to trial at valentines disco- **ES, SD and KH to organise**

Suggestion that it may be worthwhile investing in a laser printer for school to use but that we could also use for our posters etc.

Videoining full dress rehearsal of Christmas play to then sell to raise funds-**AH to ask DB**

Conversation with school about their wish lists-**TW**

7. Summer Festival (Summer Fair) possible date of Saturday 25th June- AH/TW to check with school

The idea of more of a Summer Festival was discussed and very popular.

Consideration was given to external advertising for 'Summer Festival' to try and get a wider audience to attend- SD offered

Invite local groups in to perform, total stars, little steps gym, after-school clubs, dance groups, parents bands etc.

Bouncy castles- KH to ask LH to ask a contact

Love Lichfield- SW to ask Louie Clegg if she could promote us.

Advertiser- KH to ask about advert

8. Leaver's Party arrangements- AH to ask if we are needed

9. Leavers Books- Lots of discussion about personalising the leavers books, pre-done photos, memories etc. DDB to source company that may do something similar.

We could give children a questionnaire of different questions they could answer and we would compile the most popular answer i.e. who is most likely to become prime minister.

Disco Dates:

Valentines Disco 11/2/16

Summer Disco 6/7/16

Spooky disco- 20/10/16

Next meeting: Wednesday 9th March @ 7:15pm venue to be arranged

PB to ask at cricket club and AW to enquire at Bowling Green