

Minutes of Holy Family School PTA - 9th January 2007

Present: L Donovan, D Donovan, I Benbow, P Roebuck, M Donnelly, G Tucker, A O'Connor
D Cook, M Curtiss, J Finnigan, D Greenidge, C Hendy, M Lowe, N Lowe, L McGrath,
C Palmer, G Settembrini, V Wilson

Apologies: L Blount, Y Brophy, G Lowe, F Samuels, J Tucker

Welcome

Leo and Doreen Donovan welcomed everyone to the meeting.

It was agreed that attendees and those who had sent apologies would receive a copy of the minutes and that non-attendees would be informed, via the newsletter, that minutes are available to view on the website.

It was agreed that action points will be added to the minutes.

It was agreed that time-keeping of the meeting was important and that the meeting should be finished by 9pm.

Minutes of Last Meeting

Approved by Doreen Donovan and seconded by the attendees.

The minutes from the meeting held on 7th November are to be uploaded onto the PTA website. **Action: Paul Roebuck**

Matters Arising

No matters arising.

Treasurer's Report

Paul Roebuck passed around and talked through the latest PTA accounts 2006/07 sheet dated 9.1.07.

Newsletter Feedback

It was agreed that last month's draft newsletter was a good idea and it should be continued. Well done to Leo and Doreen.

It was agreed that the newsletter could be printed at school and then put into the book bags. **Action: Julie & Graham Tucker**

It was suggested that if a PTA member would like a section in the newsletter they could compile the information and then pass it to Leo/Doreen for inclusion.

200 Club - Suggestions

Leo suggested the idea of the 200 Club to the meeting, which would generate money for the PTA and give parents the opportunity of winning a cash 'prize'.

The 200 Club suggestion will be in the next newsletter and there will be a reply slip for interested parents so that the PTA can review the interest before organising. A box for reply slips will be left in Reception.

Action: Leo Donovan

PTA Logo Competition

It was agreed that the PTA needs a logo and Leo suggested a logo competition for the children. Leo to discuss this with the school council (Belinda Yianalloulou). **Action: Leo Donovan**

Class Reps and Noticeboards

Graham to pass to Doreen the list of all Class Reps including E-mail addresses so that Doreen can contact them and see if they are happy to continue. **Action: Graham Tucker**

It was suggested that more notice boards around the school would be very useful and would help the Class Reps. Leo stated that similar notice boards were about £600 each and that if anyone had ideas regarding alternatives please put this forward at the next meeting. **Action: All**

Tennis Court Refurbishment

Graham Tucker updated the meeting on the tennis court refurbishment and stated that we had received a quote for just under £13000 which could be broken down to just under £10000.

Currently we have funding of £3000, but we are applying for additional funding from the Lawn Tennis Association, National Lottery, national and local companies.

Graham asked the PTA if any funds could be made available and this seems possible after the May Day Fete. Due to the additional costs of refurbishment, the opening date will be put back to September.

Graham to update at next meeting.

Review of PTA Events Since Last Meeting

Christmas Fair

Many thanks to Lydia Fry for organising the event and to all the people who helped. £700 was raised, this total was less than last year, but other schools were holding their Fairs on the same day.

Christmas Tombola

Many thanks to all the people who helped to organise. It was suggested that a consolation prize would be a good idea for the children who didn't pick a winning ticket.

Christmas Disco

Many thanks to all the people who helped to organise. The discos were well attended and it was commented that the DJ was very good.

Some ideas were put forward for next Christmas

Y A creche while parents go Christmas shopping

Y A mum's pampering evening

Forthcoming Events

Easter Mufti-Day/Tombola

Mufti Day will be held on Friday 16th March and the Easter Tombola will be held on Friday 23rd March. Lisa McGrath will ask the organisers of the Christmas Tombola if they would be able to organise this Tombola.

May Day Fete

Sub-Committee meeting to be held on Tuesday 23rd January 7.30pm in the Red Lion Pub, Langley. Leo or Doreen Donovan to attend.

Any Other Business

It was suggested that the PTA should have 'how to do manuals' which include all the information and contacts for all the events throughout the year so that anyone taking on a position or organising an event will have all the information.

A card and bottle of wine to be passed on to Peter Kehoe (outgoing Chairperson) and Bernadette O'Reilly (outgoing Vice-Chair) to say thank you for all their hard work on the PTA Committee last year.

The following points will be in the newsletter next month:

- Y 200 Club
- Y Logo Competition
- Y Class Reps
- Y Noticeboards
- Y Company match giving

Leo asked Paul Roebuck if he needed any help with the website - Paul will update at the next meeting.

It was suggested that at the next meeting we discuss whether we should organise a picnic day, healthy eating evening or a parents event.

External communication to be discussed at the next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 6th February 2007, 7.30pm.