

ST. JOSEPH'S PTA
Minutes – Tuesday 13th January 2015

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm in the school hall.

Present:

Susie Spinks (Chair)	Tinu Oladipupo
Liz Short (Secretary)	Tope Oso
Julie Beard (Treasurer)	Tracey Cormack
John Smedley (Vice Chair)	Maria Ferrari
Mrs Sinclair (President)	Helen Topping
Emily Tremain (Staff)	Caroline Schmidt
Jacqui Redpath (Staff)	Tom Boshell

Apologies:

Clare Churchill (Staff)	Chris Price
Teresa Brady (Staff)	Wendy Rose
Julie Daniels	Nick Francis
Mark Bradley	Michelle Soan
Suzanne Francis	

Welcome:

All members signed in and apologies given.
Minutes from previous meeting agreed.

Old Business:

Church Bazaar:

Caroline confirmed the PTA stall made £75.30 for the church at the Christmas Bazaar. There was good feedback from parents.

School Disco:

£490 raised from the disco in November. Tickets were slow selling but it was agreed to continue to sell with letter to parents along with PTA stall outside reception area. New disco arranged as below.

Wine Tasting Evening:

Susie explained that this could work out too expensive, furthermore, many organisations want minimum number of 50 to attend. The PTA agreed to leave this idea at present.

School Leavers Yearbooks:

Helen Topping volunteered to help Wendy this year and confirmed they would start early.

New Business/Updates:

School Nativity Costumes:

Mrs. Sinclair thanked the PTA for their donation of £140.58 spent on new nativity costumes. The PTA agreed it would be happy to donate further amounts each year in order to build up the collection of costumes.

Request for funds:

Mrs. Ferrari made a request for funds for some topiary/greenery for the infant playground and also for a thick covering for outside tables so the children can draw at playtime. For wet-play she would like some new construction toys and new quiz sheets. Her request for £300 was agreed by the Committee.

PJ Day:

Susie suggested a pyjama day for the children wherein they pay £1 to come to school in their PJ's. Mrs. Sinclair had no objection and it was suggested to tag this day onto the School Council's Movie Night. Susie agreed she would talk to Mrs. Truss on whether she had any objection and whether the date for a movie night had been agreed.

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School Books:

Julie (Treasurer) discussed the appearance of some of the school books and asked whether the PTA could help in any way. Mrs. Sinclair said the school was set to purchase £1,000 worth of books and the Committee agreed it would match this amount of £1,000 in order for the school to purchase new reading books.

School Disco:

The next school disco was provisionally agreed for 15th May but Liz to check availability with Mark.

Pantomime:

Julie confirmed £1,100 profit made from the Orchard Pantomime. The Committee thanked Julie for her hard work in organising this event and all agreed it was a wonderful evening. Julie confirmed she has booked 276 tickets for this year’s panto at the Orchard (Dick Wittington) on Thursday 17th December at 7pm. Tickets to sell at £17.00 pp again with ice-creams for children only. Letters to go out May/June time.

Quiz Night:

Date set for Friday 24th April. Liz confirmed she would arrange the questions and would organise a raffle for this event. John Smedley confirmed he would comper for the evening.

Summer Fete:

A number of Committee Members voiced their concerns with regard to the date of the Summer Fete this year as there is a Sylvera Dance Rehearsal on the same day. Liz confirmed she would e-mail members to obtain their availability and if there were too be many members unable to attend, a revised fete day of Saturday 4th July was suggested.

Emily asked whether we could try again to organise some community services to attend the fete and Liz confirmed she would look into this.

Julie spoke to Liz and asked whether we could invite all PTA volunteers/helpers (ie. non-members) to the next meeting in order to help with arrangements for the summer fete and Liz confirmed she would send an e-mail.

Storage:

Mrs. Sinclair suggested the storage cupboards in the boys cloakroom as PTA storage space. Mrs. Sinclair will obtain three quotes for the carpentry work and subject to price, the PTA would cover the cost for the work.

Purchases:

Along with the purchase of new nativity costumes Mrs. Sinclair confirmed the school had purchased new music equipment (as agreed in the last meeting) at £441.66.

PTA Bank Balance:

£4,332 at todays date.

Any other business / suggestions:

Tea-Towels by the children to go back on the Agenda at the next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 9th March 7pm

Liz Short (Secretary)
Date: 17th January 2015

Minutes Approved by the Chair

..... **Susie Spinks**