

Ubley School PTA AGM (1st Sept 2020 to 31st August 2021)

Meeting Minutes

25th November 2021, Online Zoom meeting

Attendees: Sara English (Chair), Lulu Batten (Secretary), Ian Harvey (Head teacher), Elspeth Tranter (school secretary), Sophie Williams, Charlie Baker, Saskia Aucott, Megan Baginski, Helen Kingsland, Miriam Walsh, Laura Smith, Rachele Snowden,

Apologies: Liz Harvey (Treasurer)

1. REVIEW OF LAST YEARS' AGM MINUTES

Last year's minutes were distributed prior to the meeting. There were no comments or disputes and thus the minutes were approved.

2. CHAIRS REPORT

SE reviewed the years' events (Sept 2020 – Sept 2021). Thanked all of the committee for their continued support. We are a really strong team.

We had great success with the cookbook, thanks to Saskia for that.

Smarties challenge – Laura Westaway's idea – raised a good amount of money with very little effort. May be one to use again in a few years' time.

The PTA didn't spend much money (due to the interruption of Covid and change of head teacher), except golden time money for the classes.

Appointed Liz Harvey as Treasurer during this year. She has already made several positive changes, e.g. we now have online banking.

Looking forward to the school spending the funds we have worked hard to raise.

3. TREASURERS' REPORT

Liz unfortunately unwell so couldn't attend – Lulu gave an update.

At the beginning of the year the PTA bank account was standing at £8,219.35. Total income over the period was £3224.46. Total expenses were £3815.97. Balance as of 31st August 2021 was £7,627.84

Miriam asked if that amount is normal – Sara confirmed no that is not normal – we have discussed with Ian Harvey and now have a plan to spend most of the money (leaving just a small amount for travel etc)

4. UPDATE FROM IAN HARVEY

Very impressive that we managed to raise so much during covid times.

Really thoughtful events that actually raise good money. For example, the books from readathon – very successful, the impact will last a long time.

Would be good to have more parents involved with the PTA – will get hedgehog class teachers to push it.

Ideas for spending the money:

- Benches – for the area at the bottom of the garden. Recycled plastic benches - £1000 for 3.
- Sails – moving away from this idea. Looking at canapes instead. Perhaps a wooden structure but this will make it more expensive. A large project to fundraise for.
- Workshops in science week in the spring.
- Music - Drumming workshops both will complement the curriculum.
- Playground markings – 2 quotes. High quality

Thank you to the PTA.

5. RESIGNATIONS AND NOMINATIONS

None

6. EVENTS

Review of recent fundraising events:

- Disco – went really well. Most children came. Raised just over £650. Children really enjoyed it. Sweets sold well. Sausages were kindly donated by New Manor Farm shop, they cooked them too. DJ was very good and has agreed to do it again next year.
 - Notes for next time: Need more change. Tattoos don't make much money but the kids love them. Card reader? – would mean parents can spend more at the bar. But what about cash for sweets? – we could sell tickets for sweets.
- Readathon – first time we have tried this event. All agreed it was a good fundraiser. Good proportion of every class got involved. The children were very excited to see all the books they had bought. 2 prizes for each class. Also a book to every child – went down very well. Raised £1480.

Next fundraising events

- Christmas Presents - £3.50 per present. Also cake sale for pick up time.
- Panto– need to print tickets. If we have to cancel due to covid we would get vouchers.

Non event items:

- Update on school uniform – sale in play ground on 10th Dec. May be once a term.
- Update on school uniform provider – Meg – advertised to new parents only at this stage. Raised just over £10 so far. Parents are happy with the quality. Can now advertise to wider school.

Open the floor to any new ideas:

Helen – remind about Amazon Smile. Elspeth to put on Newsletter.

Saskia – could we set up a text number for donations.

Sophie – labels get a kickback for school. Is in new starter welcome letter. Send out to all parents after Christmas.

Tea towels – missed the deadline for this year. Sophie – valentines tea towels?

Miriam – have a stall on a Friday. sell ice lollies. Go to the Glebe.

Sophie – horse manure sold round the houses.

Ian – art exhibition. Children’s artwork is put in frames, parents buy.

Meg – big event eg ball for the summer? Cocktails and nibbles night. Burns night - £360 for the band, caterer for the food. Would take a lot of work. Perhaps a barn dance later in the year.

7. AOB

Rachele – has sold t-shirts but hasn’t had payment. Will give class reps list of people.

Saskia – school photos – lots of negative feedback. Could we use a parent so we can make money for the school? Elspeth said the company we have been using is closing so it would be a good time to look at alternatives.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The core committee will arrange a meeting soon after the Christmas holidays to take forward some of the ideas suggested in this meeting.

The next AGM should be held soon after the end of the Academic year, October 2022.