

Minutes KSHS PTA Meeting - Monday 20th November 2023

Present: KS, JP, BO, CSD, AC, WMc, RM, KL.

Apologies: JA, LT, SG, MG.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and agreed as a true record and signed by the Secretary.
CSD.

Matters arising: None.

Finances BO:

Bank

Current Account: £1271.54

Reserve Account: £3933.40

Petty Cash: £20.00

Gift Aid: No update.

Income:

Children in Need: Children in Need in school had raised £900.00 via ParentPay contributions, monies raised was to be split £450 to Children in Need and £450 to PTA funds. There had been insufficient time due to other school events to enquire about donations of clothes and bric-a-brac using Rags2Riches as part of the Children in Need fundraising. The committee agreed Rags2Riches could be used a future fundraiser in the New Year when people may be having a clear out after the Christmas break. **KS/BO.**

Outgoing/Requests:

Outdoor Digital Clocks: The School Council had requested the PTA purchase some outdoor digital clocks which would be useful, when for example, students were undertaking exams and did not have access to personal watches/phones. The committee agreed outdoor digital clocks were a good idea and due to the low cost, were happy to fund. KS to further look into purchase of suitable clocks. **KS.**

Music Department Keyboards: The Music Department had informally enquired about funding of additional Yamaha keyboards to the ones purchased by the PTA last year. The committee agreed that this was something that could possibly be looked into in the future perhaps with joint contribution from the Music Departments own fundraising and the PTA.

SLT Screen Sound Projector: There was a request from the SLT for a new screen sound projector at a cost of around £3k. The sound on the current projector was not working properly affecting sound quality when in use for whole school assemblies and other large events held in school. An idea to fund the cost of a replacement projector was to ask for donations from parents/carers along with a contribution from the PTA. To be discussed at next meeting. **KS.**

Photography Department: KS briefed the committee that the Photography Department may approach the PTA with a request to help fund the replacement of ageing photography equipment. Update at next meeting. **KS.**

Blankets: JP requested the PTA consider the purchase of additional outdoor blankets for students to sit on during breaks. The current blankets purchased by the PTA were proving successful, it was

thought additional blankets for use on the tennis courts would benefit more students. Costs of blankets had gone up slightly since last purchase, BO agreed to look into further and report back at next meeting. **BO**.

100 Club: 31 tickets had been sold so far. The committee agreed that to try and increase 100 Club membership, a letter/email could be sent to all parents/carers and staff via Bromcom and/or Twitter. It was agreed paper application forms could also be available on the Year 8 'Settling In' evening as giving out paper application forms at the previous Year 7 Induction evening had proved successful. Winners for September/October/November were to be drawn during the interval at the forthcoming Christmas Concert on 13th December, once more people had joined. It was also suggested renewal letters were used in future as a reminder to those who were already 100 Club members to purchase tickets for the new school year. This was to be considered in time for next September. KS agreed to advertise via Bromcom/email/Twitter. **KS**.

Winners: September/October/November: To be announced during the interval at the Christmas Concert 13th December. **KS**.

Fundraising Planning:

Lincs Fashions/Fundraising Fashion Show Monday 30th November - Only 12 tickets had been sold so far which was disappointing. The event had been advertised via the newsletter and Bromcom. After much consideration, the committee agreed that as the event was only viable with the sale of 50 tickets, and being so close to the event date, that the event should be cancelled. A number of options to replace the fashion show with another event were discussed. Purchased tickets would be refunded via ParentPay. **KS/JP**.

Year 8 Settling In Evening 30th November – It was agreed that the PTA would run the Pre-Loved Uniform shop at the Year 8 Settling In evening on 30th November, timings 4-7 pm. Refreshments would not be required due to the evening being a series of short appointments with staff, so not considered necessary. Volunteers so far: KS/CSD, BO agreed to drop off uniform beforehand in school. KS/CSD/BO. (*Sec's after note - committee members available to help on the night to please let KS know*).

Movie Night – The planned Movie Night for Year 7s and 8s (buddies) had been cancelled and replaced with a disco which would be run via school and therefore not require help from the PTA.

Christmas Concert 13th December – The Christmas Concert was planned for 13th December (Sec's note - not the 8th). The PTA had agreed to provide refreshment and run a raffle.

- Refreshments:
 - Teas/coffees/mulled wine – clarity was needed on how the mulled wine is funded/claimed back, it was thought easiest for the PTA to purchase – confirmation however was required, KS agreed to check. Paper cups required, some already stored in Staff Room. **KS/BO**.
 - J2Os - purchased locally through supermarkets. **BO**.
 - Sweets. **BO**.
 - Mince pies – donations, request via Bromcom/email. **All/KS**.
- Raffle:
 - It was agreed that as in previous years, donations would be requested for raffle prizes. It was agreed to have a 'star prize' which could be drawn at the interval

along with the 100 Club winners. Suggestions - cuddly toy/small hamper. CSD providing soft toy. **All**.

Other ideas/AOB – Other fundraising ideas included:

- Inviting senior students via the School Council to suggest fundraising events that students would enjoy. KS agreed to suggest this at future School Council meetings and welcomed any current ideas from current School Council representatives. **KS**.
- Holding an Easter Bingo or quiz night in the new year which would replace the cancelled Lincs Fashion Show event and involve teams signing up for the event beforehand. Ideas suggested including food in the entrance fee - maybe fish and chips and prizes of donated unwanted Easter eggs.
- Rescheduling the Year 7&8 movie night to coincide with Comic Relief day on March 15th 2024, along with donations using Rags2Riches.
- Possibly holding a 'silent disco' for different year groups. RG agreed to look into further. **RG**.
- Holding a summer festival if supported by parent/carers. TBD further.
- Holding a second hand horse equipment sale (agreed this would be better if hosted outside within school grounds and open to the public which could be held alongside another event, maybe a 'Joules clothing sale' and/or another fundraising idea). It was discussed that the event could be advertised using local equestrian contacts through the school.
- Asking for the Art Department to promote the PTA with campaign like posters – 'Your PTA Needs You!' to help gain support for events.
- Holding a mountain bike challenge event with permission from local landowners to use their land with support from local charities. Discussion included running as a whole school event, additional fundraising by way of cake/food stalls, splitting proceeds of monies raised to share 50:50 with charities, provision of risk assessments and utilising local links.

It was agreed that the ideas and suggestions were great ideas for future fundraising and would be discussed at future PTA meetings.

Next meeting: 15th January 2024.

Provisional dates for next year:

26th February 2024.

29th April 2024.

10th June 2024.