

# St Mary's PTFA committee meeting

## Minutes 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017

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Present: Russell Blenkinsop, David Henderson, Mairi Murray, Andy Metcalfe, Lynne Shaw, Gareth Mitchell, Oliver Richards,

Apologies: Natalie Blenkinsop, Jackie Metcalfe, Kayleigh Lowe, Abi Samuel, Louise Ramsay, Jo-Anne Garrick, Mr Fallon

### *Treasurers Report*

David reported that our current balance is £9347.28. This does not include the money raised by Hayes Travel Killingworth. Some additional funds are also still to come through from the Christmas Fair.

### *Easyfundraising*

Our current total on Easyfundraising is £1340. This might have been over looked by many reception parents when they joined the school therefore Mairi will publicise it again in the next newsletter.

### *Christmas Fair –debrief*

A total of £1730 was raised after costs.

Tombola – despite having less donations than last year Lynne reported that the stall was non-stop all through the fair. £178 was raised.

Candy cane game – having different flavours worked really well and the kids kept coming back to try different ones.

Cracker game – All the crackers were sold this year with no need to reduce the prize. Andy was grateful to have helpers. Only one prize was missed. Andy has 100 ready for next year but another supplier will need to be found to get some more as the company he uses has stopped doing them.

Gift stall The chocolate gifts made by Oliver and his wife were a huge hit. The 40 sleighs sold for £2.50 and were gone within the first 20 min. The hot chocolate reindeers were a bit slower to sell at £1.50.

Christmas tree jumbo wax crayons – sold well especially with the activity book

Gifts bought from home bargains didn't sell as last year but those unsold were able to be returned

Sweetie Jar

& guess the Lego these were very popular.

Cookie decorating- although this only made £18 the kids loved it and worked well in the coffee room

Cake stall- Fewer donations given this year but still raised £56

Santa 76 kids visited Santa. Although a small queue developed there were no complaints

Raffle sending out £10 worth of tickets with each child seemed to work well with no complaints.

This is one of the many sources of funds at the fair and raised £780

Andy will do a thank you letter to send to those that donated prizes.

### *Christmas Cards*

This went well and raised £150. If doing next year we should request our pack later in the year if we want a deadline near Christmas. Gareth knows a company who does a similar thing locally. He will ask them for some costs for next year.

### *Christmas Nativity Debrief*

Sale of raffle tickets went well. Russell will ask Mr Fallon if future Nativity's can be recorded or if this is still inappropriate.

### ***Casino Night – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2017***

Lynne's aunt and uncle have agreed to run another casino night for us. They may charge a fee this time but it will be no more than £150 and all agreed it would be worth playing. There will be one more game- 6 in total. We may need to find other volunteers to help with some tables. Steve has agreed to do one if an extra helper needed. The Club has been booked and Harry will do the disco. Russell will book the buffet.

Prizes – Gareth has offered a landscaping package as an auction prize. More prizes are needed. Russell and Andy will try to get another hotel package. We will also hold a blind auction again.

### ***Easter disco***

All agreed that we would wait and have our next disco before the break at Easter. Russell will speak to Mr Fallon about dates. We will also hold another Easter Egg hunt.

### ***Lottery***

This didn't really take off therefore will be finished for the moment.

### ***Newsletter***

Mairi will get another newsletter out to parents by the end of term.

### ***Valentines Day Roses***

These were really successful last year. We agreed to sell them again from 8<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> Feb in classrooms. David will order 200. They will be sold for 50p each like last year.

### ***Mothers Day gifts for kids***

It was agreed that we would miss this again this year unless someone gets some great inspiration. It can cost no more than £1.

### ***Leavers Books***

Sue Lee has agreed to do these again but needs the information much earlier. We should aim to have all the information to her by the end of April.

### ***Toys for the playground***

It appears reception kids are the only ones who have access to the new playground. It was agreed that more toys for the older children would be good and help show parents that their child will benefit from supporting us. Russell will discuss this with Mr Fallon.

### ***80s night/Family Night/Beach Party***

We all agreed that we should have another social night in June/July. Many parents are still keen to have a family night. Russell will ask Forest Hall Serviceman's Club if they would allow this. Arrangements to be discussed more through our group page.

### ***Next meeting***

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017 in the church hall at 5.30pm.