

Parents and Friends of St Mary's School

MINUTES: MEETING HELD 17th September 2008 @ THE SCHOOL HALL – 7.00PM

PRESENT: Pete Burrows-Bryan, Jackie Gaskin, Bob Fancourt, Jane Rawlinson, Sharon Raymont, Helen Hulbert, Anne Souster, Kay Maclean, Catherine Douse, Sam Elverton, Debbie Barrett, Darren Rees,

APOLOGIES: Andy Raymont, Sarah Pennington, Sarah Prince, Chris Esau

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING - Agreed

MATTERS ARISING:

Pete opened the meeting by welcoming everyone – it was particularly good to see some new faces.

SUMMER FAYRE – Considering the weather the event was very well attended and raised £1100.

ACCOUNTS - Unfortunately as Chris was unable to attend no account information was available.

STAGE LIGHTING – The lighting has been installed at a cost of £1500 and looks great – everyone is now looking forward to the Christmas productions.

BIRD HIDE ROOF – Roof has been installed.

SPORTS DAY – Helen stated that large, coloured rosettes were requested at the end of the day by a teacher – Helen to check if they are still needed. Jackie suggested that next year the PFSM sell tea, coffee and bacon baps as it can be quite a long day.

AGM – It was agreed to include a Vice-Chair position this year to spread the load so the positions available are:

1. Chairperson
2. Vice – Chairperson
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer

Anyone interested in any of the positions should inform Jackie before the next meeting after the proposed nominee has agreed!

Future Event Dates:

22 nd October	AGM	7.15pm
14 th November	Quiz Night	7.00pm
27 th November	Xmas Decorations Up	3.00pm
5 th December	Xmas Fair	6.00pm – 9.00pm
12 th December	Xmas Disco	5.45pm – 9.00pm
16 th December	Xmas Chocolate Hunt	9.00am – 3.00pm

CHRISTMAS FAIR – It was agreed to try the Christmas Fair in the evening like the summer event as it may encourage more parents to attend. Careful thought will need to be given to the type of stalls that would interest parents as well as children. A bar licence will be needed – Sharon to organize and refreshments could include mulled wine, mince pies, hot sausage rolls, roast turkey rolls? A Santa will be required so please ask around – Anne has offered her husband Martin but someone will be needed to cook the food as he usually covers this. It was also agreed to purchase a decent Santa outfit and to thoroughly decorate the “Grotto” this year.

Kay asked whether the Christmas material that was donated by her mother last year will be used for anything. There is not enough material to make tablecloths but maybe table runners? Pete to chase.

It was agreed to run another “hunt” along the lines of the Easter egg hunt, but with a Christmas theme. Pete will supply posters of Christmas trees or stockings for the classes to decorate and Jackie will organize the event.

BUDDY LIST – Last year a Buddy List was introduced with a parent allocated to each classroom. The Buddy’s role is to be a point of contact for the parents to ask about any of the events planned, be a friendly face to any new parents & children and to organize cakes for their class’s assembly. A new list is now required -if anyone can cover Magpies, Avocets, Sandpipers please let Pete or Jackie know.

Dabchicks	Sam Elverton
Turnstones	Catherine Douse
Magpies	
Buzzards	Sarah Pennington
Avocets	
Puffins	Michelle Burrows-Bryan
Woodpeckers	Helen Hulbert
Skylarks	Jackie Gaskin
Sandpipers	
Firecrests	Debbie Barrett
Bitterns	Pete Burrows-Bryan
Lapwings	Sharon Raymont

AOB

BINGO – another Bingo night will be organized next term as time has run out this term

PAMPER NIGHT – Again will be arranged next year – maybe to coincide with Mothers Day – with business stalls like Bodyshop, Virgin Vie, Pampered Chef, jewellery etc.

YOUTH CLUB – Pete has set up a Youth Club for 9 – 12 year olds in St Mary’s Church on Mondays, 6.30pm – 8.00pm

FUTURE SPENDING – Pete has put a request list in the staff room asking for “wants” from the staff so that we know what our fund raising targets are. Following discussions last year Jackie suggested that it was the Music year whether we could look at buying some African drums that children could use in the drumming class. The drums are very expensive and parents are wary of purchasing an item until they are sure the child really wants to learn it. Bob suggested that if perhaps 15 were purchased then they could also be utilized by the classes in their music lessons. However storage is the biggest problem so maybe they could be purchased and “hired out” from the drumming club – more discussion needed!

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 22nd October @ 7.00pm

Meeting closed @ 8.05pm