

# STIVICHALL PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA MEETING

23<sup>rd</sup> January 2007

Present: Chris Rose, Lynne Jeffs, Sue Evans (Chair), Jill Miles (Treasurer), Lyn Jeffery, James Glover, Kerry Hooper, Sara Jennings, Katy Carpenter, Louise Richmond, Helen Buckby, Debbie Pollard, Edith Howard, Amanda Erne and Darren Langeveld

Apologies: Emma Over, Emma Spain, Sarah Nobel, Julie Davies, Simone Lawless, Gaynor Millar, Sarah Herd, Barbara Drew, Jo McClean, Maria, Sue Edwards, Nicola Davies

## 1. Welcome and Introductions.

A very warm welcome to all those attending for the first time.

## 2. Minutes of the last meeting/Matters Arising:

Minutes for November meeting approved.

Sue officially announced that she would be moving away from the area later in the year. Therefore she may not be able to make all the meetings and will have to start delegating more!

**Christmas Fayre:** A great success. Sue in particular thanked everyone who helped with the fete. There were a lot of "first timers" at the fete, which was great. Also in particular thanks to everyone who helped at the end of the fete with the clearing up which was achieved in record time.

Financially, the best Christmas fete ever. A total of £2,905 raised on the day. This is approx £600 more than last year. In addition "matched funding" has been applied for from Axa. This will take the total raised well over the £3,000. The big differences to last year were the extra stalls, in particular the bottle tombola and the auction which both brought in a large proportion of the extra raised.

### **Comments arising from the fayre:**

- Sign required at the entrance door indicating entrance fee required
- Refreshments - the queue was too long. Maybe 2 queues - serving from each side of the servery would help. Although next time will be in the new school with a different layout.
- Toys - some good things were left over. These were all taken to the charity shops but maybe the local toddler groups could use some of the leftover toys.

### 3. Treasurers Report.

A summary of the accounts to date was handed round. Jill made the following comments:

– autumn disco – the expenses relate to purchase of sweets and glowsticks. Stock remained after the disco – sweets used at the Christmas fayre and remaining glowsticks will be sold at the next disco.

– We have received £13.34 from Coventry Runner in respect of commission. In addition they have funded the Cross Country team shirts and also made donations to the raffle. A thank you will be sent to them.

– £107 received from “Yellow Moon” the craft catalogue. This is commission on the sales generated from the catalogues issued to parents.

– Since September we have made funding donations totalling £3,154.00. There are some additional funding cheques still to be paid over.

– Balance in the kitty is £16,342.95. As reported before, this is largely due to funds accruing last year with few requests for funding received from the school. However, this allows us to be in a good position to make a good contribution for the new school. As yet, a project for this has not been identified.

### 4. Events to Organise:

**KS2 Disco – year 5/6 priority.** Date fixed for **29.2.08 –“Leap year disco”**. Time: 6.30 – 8.00. Ticket price £2.50. (Discussion took place about the timing of the disco, in particular whether it should finish at 8.30. Parents who had helped at the discos in the past felt 2 hours too long. Also someone has to stay behind to lock the Gregory Ave gate after the disco man has packed up and left – last time it was gone 9.00 by the time he had re-loaded all his equipment. ) Lyn to contact Anita re: sweets.

**KS1 Family night** – Date fixed – 11.4.2008 – 6.30 – 8.30 – Parents to bring own drinks. Entertainer to be booked and maybe some additional games for adults and parents to take part in. Ticket price to remain at £2.50 per person/child. Children not of school age free of charge. Discussion took place as to introducing a Family Ticket. Fire regulations require that we strictly limit the numbers so everyone attending needs to have a ticket. After some debate decided to leave the ticketing as it is.

**End of year disco** – 17<sup>th</sup> July (Year 6 and their families to have priority tickets)

**Summer Fete** – Agreed this would go ahead utilising the Junior Playground. Date to be either 28<sup>th</sup> June or 5<sup>th</sup> July. Everyone to get thinking caps on as to where we can locate stalls,

activities, etc. Also as to new activities.

**Additional events:** Race night was suggested – Kerry will look into this. Quiz night suggested. Ladies night was again raised – Katy and Louise will look into this. Sue is looking into a trip to WaterWorld.

## 5. Uniform Sales

The future of the uniform sales was discussed. Should they continue? Chris Rose confirmed that when the old school is demolished the PTA would have the use of the current music room as storage. Therefore there should still be room to store the stock. New parents confirmed that they found it very helpful to be able to buy uniform from the school rather than have to run round the shops for it.

Agreed therefore to continue the uniform sales in some way.

Sue to organise a uniform sale – Sue will liase with the volunteers for this as to date.

## Requests for funding – Weather Station, IT equipment

After much debate:

Weather Station (This will be a computerised station – linking the school to other schools in the world! Also it is hoped to have the readings linked to the school website) – Full funding for this agreed – approximately £900

Activote – A fun way for children to answer questions! – £1,175 for 32 handsets. Full funding agreed.

Visualiser – £1,094 (includes carry case and Geenee slate). Full funding not currently agreed. Mr Bainbridge to be asked to see if a better deal can be achieved. Total funding of £1800 agreed for BOTH the Activote and Visualiser – if they can be brought in for this price. If not – Mr Bainbridge to come back to the PTA for further consideration on additional funding for the Visualiser.

PTA also agreed, funding for additional visualisers could be available – if 1<sup>st</sup> one a success and a good price agreed.

## 6. Date of Next meeting:

– Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February – 8.00 Burnt Post Pub “ideas and social” meeting

– Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February – 7.30 – Infant school staff room.