

Minutes Annual General Meeting 2023

Wednesday 1st November 2023, Online via Zoom

Welcome

Steve Jones welcomed attendees to the meeting and introduced James Muehlnickel, Secretary.

Attendees: Steve Jones, James Muehlnickel, Sian Joplin, Emily Widdup, Kelly Parker, Becky Gough, Claire Jones, Charlotte Bowers, Helen, Josie, Lois Lawn, Maria Bowers, Ruth, Soph, Emma Winkworth, Jen Johnson, Claire Bailey

Apologies: None

Minutes of previous AGM

The previous AGM was discussed, with no action points.

Chairperson's Report

Available to view on

Treasurer's Report

Included

At this point Steve asked if there were any questions. No-one came forward.

Election of Committee Members

Sian Jopling was elected as new treasurer, who introduced herself.

Motion agreed by Emily Widdup, Seconded by Lois lawn

Steve discussed that we would like volunteers to take on these specific roles, of which the following members volunteered:

- Social media, branding and posters - Josephine Turvey
- Uniform - Charlotte bowers
- Friday cake / treat / ice cream events- Emily Widdup and Emma Winkworth

Fundraising

Steve mentioned priorities for funding, which Jen Johnson confirmed

- Year 5 play area

- Year R outside area (maybe some inside too)
- Inside lunch club resources
- Funding for year 6 leavers

Jen Johnson also said looking forward to next year she would hope to see money available to organize things like:

- Trips to London
- Minibus for the school
- Pantomime

Upcoming disco

Steve initially announced that the disco was challenging to finalise due to the timing. Jen Johnson also has said she doesn't want future disco events to be held on a Friday evening. Other options were discussed briefly and a movie night was suggested.

After a long discussion it was agreed that we would have a new Disco coordinator - Josephine Turvey with Kelly Parker to support. It was agreed that if we can find a suitable DJ that the Christmas disco could go ahead. Everyone was very keen. Once the DJ is secured and announcement for a SAVE THE DATE will be sent out.

Any other business

Emma Winkworth brought up communication and how we can improve on this.

Steve talked about a core group, to which most of those in attendance agreed to join. This will become a whatsapp group of keen volunteers who will gather ideas and get events going before we ask the wider community for help:

Steve Jones
James Muehlnickel
Sian Joplin
Emily Widdup
Kelly Parker
Becky Gough
Claire Bailey
Claire Jones
Charlotte Bowers
Josie Torpey
Lois Lawn
Maria Bowers

Emma Winkworth
(Apologies for any omissions)

It was proposed we have a calendar of events launched so everyone knows what we have planned and what is coming up.

Ideas started to flow and some of the ideas that were put forward for the coming year or 2:

- Santa run - all kids have hats - assault course / sports event and then movie night - not the last week of term - maybe a few stalls / hot chocolate mince pies
- Quiz night - new year
- Easter egg for all
- Kelly Parker talked about Xmas presents for kids at school done by age and gender. No cheap tat, so we thought if we can supply craft resources for kids to make something personal and send home for parents/carers
- Golden ticket- chocolate Willy Wonker style- Emily Widdup
- Crackers for Xmas dinner
- Break the rules day - non uniform but a bit more extreme – Jen Johnson
- Spring wreath making - kids and adults
- Sporting events that involve the kids and fundraise like the Santa run

Emma said - moving forward how to engage with the wider group? Facebook group main place for info and updates, PTA events website must use it more.

Chalkboards x 4 are available, get some chalk pens to advertise events – one on each entrance, have people there too to discuss events, promote, get more volunteers / use QR codes.

Leap year next year - events to support

It was agreed that the above ideas can only happen with engagement, support and better communication. The core team all made a commitment to support events going forward.

An in person meet up of the Core PTA was tabled, to prioritise event planning. The date was to be determined, but in the next 2 weeks.

A schedule of events shall be posted after this meeting for communication to the wider school.

Steve then closed the meeting.



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