Minutes of EGM St Mary’s Bradford Abbas PTA

1st November 2017

Present:

Emma Grunnill

Jemma Dempsey

Emma Skea Strachan

Carole Gold-Dun

Amita Taft

Kamila Jacobsen

Jenny Pennock

Kerrie Blight

Lucy Elford

Hannah McMeiken

Committee – new appointments

Emma Grunnill (EG) chaired the meeting in the first instance and asked if anyone wanted to stand as new Chair. Kerrie Blight (KB) volunteered and was proposed by Jenny Pennock (JP) and seconded by Carole Gold-Dun (CGD). Lucy Elford (LE) was nominated as new Vice Chair by Amita Taft (AT) and seconded by Jemma Dempsey (JD). JP continues as Treasurer while Hannah McMeiken was proposed and seconded as Secretary by KB and JD. The new committee was given a round of applause.

Treasurer’s report

KB took over chairing the meeting and asked JP to quickly run through the PTA’s finances. The school is in receipt of the new computers which are being funded by the PTA, EG to supply the invoice to Jenny so the PTA can reimburse the school. The committee has agreed to fund the cost of the buses to take the children to the Octagon Theatre for this year’s pantomime, although current costs are unknown.

2018 meetings

Meetings for the following year were agreed for the following dates, all taking place after school at 3.30:

Weds 17th Jan

Weds 18th April

Weds 19th Sept – AGM

Xmas Fair Update

EG suggested the fair run from 11-2 rather than 11-3 as it clashes with the Sherborne Festive Shopping Day. EG also said previous fairs tended to trail off and while it was agreed ending at 2 was in principle a good idea it was later agreed by the committee that as many of the stallholders had already paid on the understanding the fair would be 11-3 it would be wrong to change this. It was expected that stallholders would probably start packing up earlier if people wanted to get to Sherborne for the Shopping Day anyway. LE raised the question of access to the school.

It was agreed the PTA should try to provide hot food during the fair and a BBQ was mentioned. The committee has since agreed offering toasted sandwiches from the school kitchen would be easier and just as profitable. Other refreshments will also be provided – the usual tea, coffee, hot chocolate and mince pies!

EG stated that Lauren Langdon and Marie Lockwood decorated Santa’s Grotto last year and will do so again this year, but that all decorations would have to be provided by the PTA. LE agreed to speak to staff about this.

Emma Skea Strachan (ESS) has again agreed to run a kids craft area in Underdown Hollow where children can do face painting etc while waiting to see Santa.

It was agreed the school choir would perform one set, between 11.30-12.

A non-uniform day has been agreed for Nov 24th and EG said a letter would be going into book bags. EG also reminded the committee that Year 6 would be holding a book stall in the school hall for the fair. EG also said it was important the whole committee made themselves aware of what’s in the risk assessment paperwork.

No alcohol will be served in the school hall. Safe routes in and out for the fair were discussed, with it being agreed to operate the same as last year (i.e. entering via the main doors of the village hall and exiting via the play ground to get into the school)

Cake Sales

15th Nov – Churchwell

7th Feb – Great Western

28th March – Underdown Hollow

17th July – Five Bridges

AOB

EG suggested it might be a good idea to hold the Summer Fair straight after school on a Friday, which the committee agreed to discuss at the next meeting.