Friend of St Peters AGM

5th October 2023 7 PM

St Peters School

Apologies: Mrs Boyle

Attendees: Miss McCluskey, Donna, Keith, Claire, Sara, Alex, Anne Marie

**Chair Report**

Welcome and thank you all for taking the time out to come to this evening’s AGM.

It’s always hard trying to find the right day and time to suit everyone so we really do appreciate it.

I would like to take a moment to thank all the hard work of the serving PTA Committee:

Vice Chair – Sarah Butler

Secretary – Claire Harris

Treasurer – Keith Miller

Member – Alex Watson

You’ve all worked so hard and dedicated so much time to the PTA and it’s been a rather challenging and busy time personally for some so thank you.

As always, we rely on the ongoing support and guidance provided by Miss McCluskey – thank you.  Big thanks to Mrs Boyle and Mrs Donahue who always join in and help whether it’s sorting the mountain of pre-loved uniform or arranging music and songs – thank you.

Special thanks also go to Mrs Sandalls and Mr Atkins who are both always so helpful and supportive.

Special thanks also go to all our Class Reps, Caroline Begley, Pilar, Sara Milton and Lisa Taylor – always on hand to help with absolutely anything thrown at them.  We couldn’t do it without people like you.

Finally, a big thank you to all our families and community for supporting us we really couldn’t do it without you.

Now on to the past school year.  The school year always starts with so much going on with Halloween and the run up to Christmas.  Our first disco (arranged by FOSP) was a huge hit at Halloween – we were a little caught out without early preparation which meant we had to DJ ourselves!  Luckily Alex and Lucy were on hand and did a brilliant job.

Christmas is so busy with requests coming out weekly but we did it and had fantastic participation with Cauliflower Cards, Late Night Shopping tombola, Christmas Wreath workshop, our second Carols in the Park and the Santa Fun Run – all raised much needed funds.  Carols in the Park proved challenging as it was one of the coldest nights and we just couldn’t keep the hotdogs warm – but we made it work by running backwards and forwards between Riley Park and home to heat up batches of sausages and mulled wine!  The Santa Fun Run was a hit with a few families running on our behalf – we raised so much (mostly by a single family) that we were given a bonus from the Rotary Club.

After the buzz of Christmas and how successful the fundraising went we hit a wall with Rock and Roll Bingo and had to cancel the event.  Personally, I was a little disappointed as we tried to arrange an event based on feedback – an inexpensive family event.  We thought we had cracked it with £5 a ticket including food (pasta). We only sold 10 tickets (outside of the PTA and teachers) so we made the very hard decision to cancel.

The rest of the year was much more successful with the return of our Mother’s Day shop, raffle, £20.23 sponsor challenge, Father’s Day Keyrings, Frozen Fridays – all popular and well.

Our two most successful events were the Spanish Night and the return of the Annual International Fayre.

The Spanish Night was something new and filled me with panic!  We wanted to try to continue raising money but without putting too much pressure on our own families so we thought we would trial an event that reached outside of the school community.  This was a huge success as it also show-cased our lovely school too.  It wasn’t without it’s challenges though - (no ice delivery, an unhappy neighbours etc).

The International Fayre was a huge success again, which is all down to our amazing families.  We also introduced food tokens which was a fantastic idea and we’ll definitely be doing that again.

Banking continued to challenge us.  Up until August we were continuously being blocked from the account due to KYC requests and an incompetent team at the bank!  This year, we hope to be able to provide more accurate event summaries now that we have access to the accounts again.

After all the fundraising I am so happy to report that for the first year in a while, we managed to pay for all current and outstanding invoices for the school’s licenses.  Not only that, but we have also been able to ‘pay back’ and donated money for a theatre workshop, provided gifts to commemorate the Kings Coronation and gave the Year 6 leavers a disco to remember. With our better reporting we can improve on budgeting and planning for events going forward. We even managed to purchase new equipment which will make life a little easier (gazebo, cool box).

My first year as Chair was all about reinventing the PTA, the second year was all about introducing fundraising events, this year needs to build on that but we also need to take into account the school dynamic has changed.  We’re a smaller school now so we need to think of new innovative ways to raise money.

Finally, thank you to everyone, I look forward to seeing what this next year holds in store!

**Voting for Chair**

Donna Jordan - Nominated by Claire and Alex

**Voting for Vice Chair**

Alex Watson – Nominated by Donna and Sarah

**Voting for Treasurer**

Mr Keith Miller – Nominated by Donna and Alex

**Voting for Secretary**

Sara Milton – Nominated by Donna and Alex

Vice secretary - Nominated by Donna and Keith