

Silchester School PTA
Registered Charity 1067109
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
19th October 2022
8pm Silchester School hall
MINUTES

		Action
1	Present: Rachel Dean (chair); Jo Woods (Treasurer); Edel Abbott; Emma Johnson; Lara Holby-Wolinski; Laurene Watt; Helen Blair; Jen King; Paul King School representation: Louise Webb; Karon Nickerson; Louise Pulford	
2	Apologies: Nick Bond; Vanessa Dore; Karolina Hartwell; Marie Roberts; Bill Clapson	
3	Minutes of last meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes from meeting 21st September 2022 	
4	Chair's Report	
	<p>Background</p> <p>Despite the fundraising challenges the PTA has faced over the past couple of years we have continued to provide the added extras for the school, ultimately the things that will enhance the learning and enjoyment of the children who attend Silchester. While our activities and the priorities for the school changed during the last couple of years, this continues to be our core value even if this will now be achieved through a more blended fundraising approach going forward.</p> <p>Fundraising</p> <p>After a reimagining of our fundraising events in 2020 & 2021 we were able to return to some normal Christmas activities this year, including the children's Christmas market and Santa's Grotto. Although the grotto was much anticipated the fear of a winter resurgence of covid resulted in a small loss being returned. Christmas cards continued to be a fan favorite but with costs increasing the glass decorations saw a reduced uptake. Left over decorations will be used this Christmas with The Glass Duck agreeing to fire them without additional cost. We also had some additional funds raised through a Christmas quiz, a film night and a generous donation from the Christmas Boutique, which was run by a few</p>	

of the Silchester mums. All in all this led to a successful Christmas bringing in just over £1,200.

Bags2School has continued to be a fundraising staple and we have had yet another good year with approx. £600 being raised over 3 collections.

Springtime saw the return of the Easter discos which were a real highlight for the children, especially those who had missed out over the last couple of years. A big thanks to Chris Burch who again gave his time for free to entertain the children and raised over £700. Another huge hit was the Jubilee bake-off which raised over £200 (as well as substantially raising the calorie intake of every parent!)

Two of our biggest fundraisers for the year came from the Silchester Dads who took full advantage of a summer without restrictions. First, they set out to beat their own world record with a 27hr continuous indoor row raising just over £1400 in sponsorship – we'll pencil them in for 30hrs next year! This was followed by an even bigger and better Rainbow Run which saw the children (and some adults) covered in paint and soaking wet running around the fields! Needless to say this was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone, again raising a significant amount at c.£1300, with the super-soakers being a welcome relief in the heatwave! A massive thanks to Dave Holby-Wolinski and the team of dads for putting these events together!

Another big thanks goes to Robin Scott who, along with his band, put on another fantastic live music performance in the village hall. A fabulous evening of dancing and singing (and possibly some drinking) was had by all, raising c. £2800.

Commitments

Over the last year we have been able to support the school with some big purchases including:

- Contribution towards the Adventure Trail (playground equipment) (£5000)
- New computer tablets
- New netball and football equipment

Further requests have also been received for musical instruments as well as funding to support the cost of visitors to support the curriculum – visiting artists/music activities/science based workshops etc.

Summary

Last year we continued a hybrid approach with the majority of payments remaining online or through card readers but with the added bonus of being able to provide more in-person events such as the return of the school discos. This return to a more "normal" year has really highlighted

	<p>how much our events mean to the children, not only through the monetary improvements for the school but also the enjoyment they have when taking part. These events, however, could not take place without the dedicated support of the parents, teachers and local community that we are truly blessed to have.</p> <p>As we enter a new school year we must remain agile by utilising the expertise and ideas that this fantastic community offers, allowing us to find new avenues of fundraising while continuing to enhance the enjoyment our children have at school.</p> <p>Rachel Dean Silchester PTA Chair</p>		
5	Treasurer's Report		
	Opening bank balance (Sept 2021)	18,165.40	
	PTA Revenue for period	16,787.69	
	PTA Expenses for period	(13,969.11)	
	Closing bank balance (August 2022)	20,983.98	
	Less Memory for Augusta funds	605.18	
	Less Governors funds	7,017.10	
	Total in PTA pot	£13,361.70	
6	Election of Officers and Trustees of the Committee		
	Officers & Trustees	Nominated	Seconded
	Chair: Rachel Dean	Lara Holby-Wolinski	Edel Abbott
	Treasurer: Johanna Woods	Rachel Dean	Lara Holby-Wolinski
	Secretary: Edel Abbott/Helen Blair	Rachel Dean	Emma Johnson
	Committee:		
	Nick Bond	Rachel Dean	Johanna Woods
	Vanessa Dore		
	Marie Roberts		
	Emma Johnson		
	Lara Holby-Wolinski		
	Dave Holby-Wolinski		
	Chris Woods		
	Chris Johnson		
	Jennifer King		
7	Update on Recent Events		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bags to school – collection 19th Nov. £241.20 raised 		
8	Spending and Income Updates		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Still awaiting invoice for the football goals – LW to request 		Louise

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grounds day possibly needed for number of leaves. Also need to think about improving the surrounding classroom flowerbeds. School's requirement is for them to be replaced by gravel and potted plants. Need parent help and expertise. Pencilled in grounds day for the afternoon of 13th Nov. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed to fund Christmas crackers for the children's Christmas lunch 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee have pledged that the money raised this year from the PTA events will go towards IT equipment e.g. laptops/tablets for the children, musical instruments, supporting the forest school initiative and enhanced learning experiences both in school and out (workshop visitors to school as well as external school trips). <p>For the above pledges where there is an approximate costings identified already the committee confirmed the following minimum payments during the year: ~£5000 for IT equipment (specific request for laptops), ~£1000 for theatre/music/science/art groups, ~£1500 for musical instruments in support of the above pledge.</p> <p>The reoccurring annual payments were also approved: £500 for year 6 leavers, £150 for spelling shed, £500 for school newspaper, £250 for village playground (when required), £500 (when required) for pavilion car park.</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed possible sponsorship of events by local businesses to raise additional funds 	
9	Future events and fundraising	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Film night originally pencilled in for 18th November however no volunteers available on this date. Moved to 20th January. Rachel organise food, Lara rally volunteers, Edel to sort film and communication 	Rachel/Lara/Edel
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas market Friday 2nd December – Donations to be requested for after half term. Need to sort shed out to ensure room for donations. Also order a new storage box as shed is already very full. 	Emma
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Glasswork – decision on whether we run this as an after school event with the small number we have left over from last year or have them to purchase and take home – would be on a first come first serve basis. Need to know last date for firing as this will determine how we run this event. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas cards – orders submitted 	Helen
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Santa's grotto – Pencilled in for Friday 9th but still need to source venue and decide if should be a bigger event with craft stalls. Will speak to Village Hall committee to see if we can use the stage while the Pop-Up café are using the other hall. Santa is available on this date 	Rachel
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer needed to start organising SGT – will advertise on Facebook page 	
10	Next Meeting: Wed 23rd November 8pm	