**PTFA Meeting minutes**

**Thursday 6th January 19.00**

**St Gregorys school, Marnhull**

**Present**

Barry Shea (BS), Callie Woodrow (CW), Bethan Bolton (BB), Georgia Vine (GV), Rachel Oxford (RO), Olivia Palmer- Smyth (OP-S), Debbie Field (DF)

**Apologies**

Dan Bolton (DB), Carly Buscombe (CB), Dan Warren (DW), Zara Risley (ZR)

**Chair report**

BS thanked everyone for coming and acknowledged the apologies

**Finance**

* Current Balance

£7303.37

* Raised since last meeting

Carol service £71.06

Christmas movie night £138.00

Christmas gift shop £96.97

* Paid since last meeting

Book packages for school £2123.81

St Johns ambulance for M12k £230.40

All invoices/ receipts from previous events

* + Commitments

Pool liner £500

Stonework repair around the pool £250

Pool closure £50

Dogs in School - TBC

ELSA Training - £800

Total £1600

**M12k**

* + Toilets, pedestrian barriers, urinal with screening, radio hire, delivery/collection

Total £493.80 (to be paid imminently)

Total commitments £2093.80

Total after commitments £ 4979.17

There are still a few M12k race entries coming in and the quote for the toilets etc will be paid ASAP

An application has been made to the Lions regarding ELSA funding; we are awaiting to hear how much has been awarded. If successful this will negate our need to fund.

Cash for bike4books sponsorship can be given to GV for direct banking it was also discussed that cash donations can be added to the Just giving page.

The success of the carol concert was discussed and the benefit of having a donation tin for the refreshments.

**Debbie's remarks**

DF thanked the PTFA for their hard work and particularly for the Christmas events which added to the enjoyment of the children at the end of term.

The idea of funding an art teacher was briefly discussed but this would be a long-term plan.

Daisy the dog has her training date for becoming a dog mentor. A trainer will be coming into school to look at where Daisy will be kept during the day, how she interacts with the children and how she is outside, amongst other things. She will be working towards her bronze award. Daisy will wear a special jacket to tell the pupils she is working.

DF talked about ‘Daisy walking’ on a Friday which she does with a group of children.

**AOB**

OPS asked when the tuck shop planned to reopen, RO confirmed that it would be January 14th

It was discussed that the tuck shop earnings might go towards a single event such as the summer sizzler, panto etc. It was agreed to ask parents to decide what this money will go towards. RO, OPS and GV to lead on this.

We discussed when future events might take place, a potential movie night in March, the postponed village disco is planned for the end of march.

BS suggested that the PTFA hold a Bric-a-Brac stall at Marnfest this summer

DF mentioned the art exhibition to be held at school, the children will create the art, and this will be auctioned off to raise money. DF to discuss plans with KB (Kelly Barge)

BS mentioned the phone box on Burton Street that gets decorated for various events (Mother's Day, valentine's day etc) BS wants to get the school involved in setting up a display. DF suggests it could reflect the schools value and she will discuss this with Miss Edwards. The PTFA have offered to dress the phone box.

BS and DF to hold a question-and-answer session. BS reassured DF that this could be a pre-recorded session. The pupil parliament could be the interviewers, this would only go ahead if DF were happy.

DF revealed that they sent cards out before Christmas and a gentleman called the school to say thank you and that he wanted to buy some small gifts to be given out to the children for good behaviour and good work.

The school needs a new Governor, this is not because anyone is leaving but there is a vacancy. It was discussed how we could involve the Governors in the fundraising as (Nick Chapman) the chair of Governors mentioned wanting to get more involved at the EGM.

**Bike 4 books**

The money is starting to come in for bike 4 books.

OPS suggested a paper form where ladies can sign up, this should be available in the reception to encourage mums and other ladies of St Greg’s to put their names next to time slots. DF will make this form and display it in the reception.

Teas, coffees, and other refreshments will be available. The box pizza will be outside of the school if people wish to order pizza. Snacks will also be available.

Bikes being delivered at 10am on the Thursday and collected on Saturday morning. CW to confirm this.

We are looking in to setting up a live feed ?zoom ?you tube BS will look into this. Could the Crown have us on live screens? DF will ask the schools tech support if he can help.

Facebook promotions have raised a lot of funds, discussed getting donation buckets into local shops and businesses. GV to purchase donation buckets from amazon.

BS encouraged the PTFA to continue posting on Facebook. It was decided that it is a good idea to post photos of the ladies taking part in the cycle and add some information about them and post these on Facebook. BB will do this.

A write up about Bike 4 books is in the current Blackmore vale magazine and the digital version. BS will follow these up with a post event write up.

BB/BS to distribute posters and the donation buckets around the village.

**Pupil parliament**

Pupil parliament have ideas for events

* Parents and pupils quiz 17th February, PTFA to help with tea, cakes, and advertising.
* Easter egg hunt just before the school holidays.
* Cream tea afternoon 2pm onwards

A concert on the field was discussed for September time.

Live music/band, BBQ and bar, the children can be involved by serving the patrons and some maypole dancing. It was decided that the PTFA would organise this event.

**Events Spring one**

Bike 4 books 20th- 21st January

Pupil and parents quiz 17th February

**Events Spring two**

M12k 3rd April

Disco 19th March TBC

Movie night TBC

Bingo 20th May (CW to provisionally book the hall)

**Pool**

RO reminded us that a separate committee was suggested to fundraise purely for the pool, this committee never materialised so it remains within the PTFA

When asked what DF priorities would be, she said that she will always need to prioritise curriculum resources.

Discussion took place about renting the pool out to the wider community during the summer as various local schools do but it was noted that Somerset and Dorset have different rules regarding lifeguards, but the insurance and public liability is in place.

BS View is that the pool can only be used for a very short time in the year, to make it truly viable it needs to be covered. There is a possibility that the heating can be supplied by the ground heat source pump which would reduce the cost of heating the pool thus enabling the usual use in the summer term. The oil tank is currently empty and will be expensive for the time we have in the pool. BS stresses that there it is preferable to hire the pool out in the summer. County will have a say on this, more on that below.

DF suggested talking to Debbie Knapman who works for health and safety at Dorset council on the viability of commercial use of the pool assuming it is in a state to be rented.

OPS asked what other Dorset schools are doing about their pools, DF answered and said that they are all facing similar problems, some other schools have caretakers who look after the pool and does the testing, so it is a bit different.

GV raised the issue of the money paid by parents but there is always the issue that some parents will not pay and then it is hard to leave those children out. After school swimming suggested so that if parents do not want to pay their children can go home.

It is thought to cost £10k to get the swimming pool covered which is beyond the PTFA’s ability. OPS will speak to ZR about her swimming pool cover.

DF reinforced that any money raised really needs to be spent on resources.

**Date of Next Meeting**

03/03/22