**PTFA Meeting minutes**

**Thursday 16th September 19.30**

**St Gregorys school hall, Marnhull**

**Present**

Barry Shea (BS), Callie Woodrow (CW), Bethan Bolton (BB), Dan Bolton (DB), Georgia Vine (GV), Zara Risley (ZR), Oliver Palmer- Smyth (OP-S), Debbie Field (DF)

**Apologies**

Carly Vincent, Dan Warren, Rachel Oxford, Dee Gordge

BS: Thanked everyone for coming to the meeting, he aims to keep meetings light hearted and as swift as possible

**Financial update**

GV: current account balance £7,231.81 total after commitments £5349.34

£4,500 is from the Marnhull 12k so there is a need to be careful as to how much is spent until after the race is run.

The actual amount available to the PTFA not including the Marnhull 12k money is £849.34 (with £163 of this money kept as a float)

GV- is looking at gift aid registering and BB- is looking in to Amazon Smile

Names need changing on the bank account- GV has asked for a couple of members of the committee to sign some of the paper work

**Cricket figures**

We discussed the figures they can be found on the agenda and that we have extra stock to go towards other events.

**Debrief from the Cricket**

It was felt the weather let us down and instead of a barmy August evening it was a bit chilly, tea coffee and cake would have been a better earner

GV- said it is good to have stock for future events but the option of sale or return was great.

ZR- Said that the children loved getting involved with the Bric a Brac and she floated the idea of a tombola at future events.

BB- Said that the Bric a Brac took a long time to set up and there was not enough time to set up everything else.

BS- Agreed it would have been better if we started setting up earlier, BS also said that the return was okay but he was hoping for nearer £500, but taking stock in to account we are almost there.

It was mentioned that in the future we could get more of the older children involved and to help, tombola/ glitter tattoos

**Remarks from Debbie**

DF- said that they have had an amazing start to the year, the children have come back ready to learn. It has made everyone realise what we have missed, lunching together and worshiping together. There is a great atmosphere around school.

**Ladies event**

* + Looking at January, school staff will be really involved Debbie feels it is critical to get staff on board.
  + The event is a 24 hour cycle on spin bikes (4/5 bikes) from Marnhull to ?
  + Launch on Thursday at 2.30pm in front of the children and press
  + There will be food and a social area (pizza, bacon sandwiches)
  + The fundraiser is for books, the aim is to raise £3000 there will be a barometer outside of school
  + There will be a just giving page and sponsorship pages
  + There are plans for a live stream so the children can follow the progress at home.
  + The PTFA will promote the event in the Marnhull messenger, BMV magazine

**School visits**

* There has been no visits for 18 months, Debbie has asked if fundraising can go towards funding a coach for each class for a trip. A local coach trip costs £475

**Pupil Parliament**

* DF discussed how the pupil parliament has come up with some ideas for events, a quiz night- run by pupils and a music evening which would also be child led
* There are also suggestions of reading evenings, movie nights, and an art exhibition

There is a stay and learn on 20th October, teas and coffees will be available. The poster is ready and CW will add this to Facebook.

DF is pushing staff to attend events and they are really energised

**Pool update**

BS- stone work repair needs to be done, the stone is cut and just needs to be fitted BS will chase this.

BS- The decision was made in July to shut down the pool because the heating oil ran out, BS Is trying to contact Bob, BS is going to research the manual side of shutting down the pool and will run this past Bob. BS to ask Bob how much it costs to open the pool and how much the oil will cost for the heating.

**New families**

There are two families new to St Gregs in reception class

Open letter from the PTFA to be sent out- OPS mentioned that the word “gossip” in the letter might have negative connotations, it was agreed and BS will alter it.

ZR- commented that her photo is still in the cabinet outside the main entrance BS will source the key and this will be changed

**School PTFA website page**

Committee members photos are on the school website, minutes and event posters will also be put on the website.

**Events planning**

Long list of ideas to be considered

* + Ladies spin bike event
  + Movie nights
  + Community bingo
  + Family bingo
  + Quiz and curry
  + Family quiz
  + Christmas gift shop
  + Mothers/fathers day gift shop
  + Summer sizzler
  + Valentines disco
  + Community cream tea
  + Christmas fayre- child orientated with fun games
    - * + Hook a duck
        + Fair ground rides
        + Mince pies, mulled wine
        + Home made Christmas decorations
  + Christmas performance
    - * + Entrance fee
        + Raffle
        + Teas and coffee
        + Lucky programme
        + Donations bucket
  + Christmas raffle
  + Men's event
  + Childrens cross county running (non profit)
  + Jolly Jars (jam jars of sweets)
  + Tea towels
  + Christmas cards
  + Jumble sale
  + Easter egg treasure hunt
  + Hunt for Rudolph's nose
  + Christmas walk

we will approach local businesses for support in whatever way they can , this will be done wherever possible face to face.

**After school events**

* Carry on selling ice creams, hot choc, valentines chocs
* Tuck shop name- each class to choose a name for the tuck shop and one will be chosen to become the forever name.

BS Advised that the deadline for the Marnhull messenger is the middle of the month so we will need to consider that when promoting an event

BS said that we need to break events down by month and see what we can fit in.

**AOB**

School is launching their new values and DF asked if anyone knows or has any contacts to hot air balloons, Aerosaurous at Henstridge was mentioned. It was also mentioned that maybe they could launch eco balloons.

Dates for future meetings ? First Monday after half term suggested and TBC

DF asked help for the secret reader in school and asked if anyone from the committee would like to do it.