

Minutes of Wistanstow School PTA AGM held on Thursday 14th October 2021

Present: Gill Preece, Julie Davies & Claire Eveson

Apologies: Rachel Braybrooke, Heather Brown & Mrs Fenton

Minutes of last meeting: Approved, there were no matters arising.

Chairperson's Report

The last twelve months have been very challenging with constant changes in COVID regulations making it difficult to plan events and fundraise. However, despite the difficulties, the PTA committee has continued fundraising by organising a sponsored walk, a bag to school collection, a uniform sale and entering the school lottery.

We were therefore pleased to be able to support some of the 'fun stuff' at school which included paying for ice-creams at the climbing wall, buying pizzas for the year 6's outing, ordering hoodies for the year 6 leavers and organising an end of year cinema night to give them a decent send off!

PTA funds also contributed £1500 towards the purchase of new laptops, and we have finally replaced the storage shed alongside The Greene Room which was falling apart!

As chairperson I feel COVID has reduced the interaction between parents in the playground and the main challenge going forward will be to encourage a wider range of parents to get involved in the PTA to bring fresh ideas and continue to fund the 'extras' which enhance our children's education.

Treasurers Summary of Accounts

Account balances on 30th September 2021

Business Current Account £5,384.34

Business Premium Account £6,007.86

Business Premium Account £173.45

Income 2020/2021

Your School Lottery (Jan 2021-Aug 2021)	£384.80
Wistanstow Under Fives Donation	£2564.11
Easyfundraising	£19.21
Sponsored Walk	£1326.74

Expenditure 2020/2021

Shed	£2355.60
Shed erection	£835.00
Christmas crackers/ice creams for panto	£56.07
Parentkind insurance	£69.00

Christmas (felt tips)	£140.24
DBS check for lottery license	£23.00
Lottery license	£20.00
Leaver's hoodies	£137.92
Ice-creams (climbing the walls activity)	£68.00
Shortfall climbing the wall activity	£44.00
Y6 Activity (Food)	£47.57
Laptops/I-pads	£1500.00
Leaver's movie night	£37.50
Village Hall lottery annual subscription	£12.00

Election of Committee

Gill Preece, Julie Davies, and Claire Eveson agreed to continue in their current roles for the forthcoming term. Going forward we will need new volunteers.

Concern was raised that only three committee members attended the meeting and whilst we have currently got good reserves, without the support from other parents our ability to continue funding extras and fun activities for the children will be limited.

Gill Preece - Chairperson

Julie Davies- Treasurer

Claire Eveson – Secretary

Funding Requests

It was agreed that the PTA would support the pantomime trip by covering the cost of the coaches and ice creams although unfortunately we would not be able to cover any shortfall from parents who weren't able to contribute to the cost of the tickets.

It was agreed that the PTA would support the school with the transport for the residential trips being planned.

The committee agreed to purchase a Christmas gift for the children although we propose to scale this back to a tube of sweets/chocolate rather than books/stationary which are more costly.

Future Events

Christmas - The committee have been advised that children should remain within their class bubbles for any Christmas events/activities and as a result, it was decided that the usual Christmas disco could not be run.

The committee agreed to purchase a Christmas gift for the children.

Bike Show - The future of the bike show was discussed. Options discussed included a smaller ticketed event with proceeds being split between the PTA and a nominated charity. It was agreed that the committee would organise a meeting with community members to discuss the bike show going forward. Julie will contact Molly to arrange a bike show meeting. A change in the date of the bike show was discussed because of concerns regarding the weather in March. It was decided that Julie would contact Ben to provisionally hold the 1st of May 2022 at the Village Hall.

Lottery Update

Committee agreed to continue with Your School lottery. Last month the Lottery raised £44.40 for the school. Julie will send the electronic link to the lottery for parent mail.

Shelving/storage for shed

The committee discussed shelving for the new shed. Metal shelving likely to be stronger. Gill and Claire to meet tomorrow to measure the shed for shelving.

A.O.B

Julie will e-mail Stephen O'Neil regarding the PTA Marquee which is still at The Plough. Concerns raised regarding parents parking outside the shop and in the village. Gill to raise concerns with Mrs Fenton.

Date of Next Meeting

Second week in January. TBA.

