

SACRED HEART SCHOOL – PTA AGM

Tuesday 20th September, 2016 18.30

Present:

Sr. Francis, Mr. Murphy, Mrs. Riedlinger, Liridona Laska, Roy Brain, Sam Wildbur, Liselle Dorling, Claire Clifton, Valerie Warner, Meg Huckstep, Lorraine Allen, Amanda Restall, Pam Wainer, Richard Wainer.

Apologies:

Sarah-Jane Napper, Mrs. Wilson, Miss Gooderson, Mrs. Calver, Sharon Pomeroy.

Head Teacher's Report:

Sr. Francis circulated copies of the report and highlighted several points including the increase in sports events for the boys arranged by Mr. Hodges, the problems during the year with head of science, but covered well by Mr. Murphy and Mrs. Laban.

Mr. Murphy added that a new curriculum was in place to include a higher course for maths and a new tracking programme for pupil targets.

Treasurer's report:

Sam Wilbur distributed copies of the yearly income and expenditure. Balance £5,600

PTA Chair's report:

Roy Brain reported that the PTA had their usual year with a fairly set series of events completed successfully. He suggested that now was the time to add some new events with a view to making more money. He thanked Sr. Francis, the teachers and PTA.

Election of Officers:

Chair – Roy Brain proposed by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Claire Clifton. Carried.

Vice-chair – Sarah-Jane Napper proposed by Sam Wildbur and seconded by Pam Wainer. Carried.

Treasurer – Sam Wilbur proposed by Richard Wainer, seconded by Liselle Dorling. Carried

Secretary – Meg Huckster proposed by Liselle Dorling and seconded by Valerie Warner. Carried.

Future development of the school:

Sr. Francis said the formal application had to be submitted in March 2017 for a proposed opening in September 2018. It was likely that the application would be finished by January.

Parents, and pupils, would need to agree to the plans to allow the school to move forward. Sr. Francis to send out forms with the children.

To enable the classes to be small, statements from parents as to why this would be helpful for their child would be useful.

At a recent marketing meeting a decision was made to advertise the free school plan. Sharon Pomeroy has put the school on Twitter and Facebook.

Amanda Restall raised concerns regarding the cost of the uniform and whether this was likely to change with the event of a free school. Richard Wainer suggested that the PTA may be able to help with subsidies. It was agreed that the second hand uniform shop was very useful, and there may be a way forward with the PTA. Generally keen for the uniform to remain at a high standard.

Tips from other free schools on-line could be helpful.

Free schools network has funds available for advertising.

Events:

Christmas Party:

Sr. Francis advised that the Polish community would be setting up the decorative tent in the sports hall for their Christmas party. This could be available for us to use on Friday 16th December, with the added advantage of the Strollers being able to play for no charge. Mrs. Heale had discussed covering catering for a charge of £12 which would make a profit. It was agreed that this would be a pleasant family event before Christmas (the Polish community having success with separate tables for parents and children). A charge of £12.50 for adults and £5 for children was agreed. Parents would be asked to provide mince pies and cup cakes for dessert. A raffle would also boost profits.

Sr. Francis would check and advise PTA on definite availability of tent and Strollers for 16th once the owner of the marquee returns from holiday. Peter to speak to him.

Hallowe'en disco:

PTA next event is the Hallowe'en disco on Friday 14th October. Liselle advised that this was organised with Nicola Warren covering the music, Amanda the decorations. Meg offered to arrange a lucky dip. Also available would be face painting, tattoos and nibbles. Extra PTA help on the day would be appreciated. Sr. Francis reminded that no lollipops should be allowed as they pose a health and safety risk. Liselle will arrange a poster with Gloria in the office.

Christmas bazaar:

This is to be held on 2nd December, and is mainly a school event. There was some discussion as to whether outside stalls should be invited. The main thought was that those in some way connected with the school should be encouraged. PTA to provide teas and coffees, burgers, raffle and Father Christmas.

Quiz night:

All keen for another quiz this year. Mr. Murphy to check with staff, and possibly to take place in the summer.

Barn dance:

Roy spoke of a contact in the 'Whirligig band' who would charge £500 and play with caller for two hours with a break for a meal. Claire Clifton had contacted the Zumba lady who was keen, but as yet has not offered a price. Claire will speak to her again. All keen for a barn dance, but will look at in the new year. Tickets will need to be quite expensive to cover all costs.

Indian Meal:

Sureka Nathan would be able to provide a meal, and would prefer a separate event rather than Indian food at the bazaar as this was difficult to judge. This idea was very well received with plans for the barn as a venue with music and décor. A film was suggested. Possibly for Jan/Feb.

Future PTA events -promotional meeting:

A comfortable and convenient idea was sought for parents to meet and possibly be introduced to the PTA. Lorraine Allen suggested a 'parent to school day' during an afternoon for whoever was collecting the child. The child's work could be reviewed, and then the parent/carer invited for tea/coffee before home time. Mr. Murphy to check with the teachers of the lower school.

Any other business:

Mrs. Dorling was keen for the return of the noticeboard which was previously on the shed. It would ideally need to be positioned on the rear fence. Amanda offered for Mr. Restall to create one, cabinet style and waterproof. PTA to fund. Sr. Francis would like another on the front fence for information for those passing by.

A closed Facebook group has been set up – Friends of Sacred Heart – this will enable parents to keep up with PTA events and information.

8th October is open day. PTA to be available to provide coffee and meet and greet from 10 – 12.00 Sam suggested using the barn for this due to its pleasant atmosphere. The screen could also be used to show the rolling photographic show.

Mrs. Allen spoke of 'Chocolate for chocoholics' and was keen to distribute brochures to families. Commission would be earned in free chocolates which could be used in PTA raffles. The office would be asked to provide an explanatory letter. This was considered a good idea, especially with Christmas approaching.

Mrs. Dorling would arrange the Christmas cards again with the children's own designs.

Date of next meeting:

Monday 7th November, 6.30 pm.