

Date – 29th January 2024

Time 7.30 - 9pm

The Albion

Attendees:

Nick Bacon

Claire Winward

Frances Gale

Tom Osman

Caroline Petch

Carys Woolley (minutes)

Anne Delivera

Louise Cranney

Susie Cranney

Inma Taylor

Christmas Events Roundup-

Total raised £2465

Fayre £1140 (£810 last year) – lessons learnt – was on a Saturday rather than a Friday like last year, we could have made more as many of the stalls ran out of stock e.g. lucky dip, toys, arts and crafts room really worked as well as the biscuit decorating – children really enjoyed having activities to do

School disco £311 (£317 last year) – not meant to be for profit, may want to re-think the contribution amount next year. Disco Steve was not popular, especially with KS2, he was rude and didn't adjust the KS2 session at all. Would not book him again.

Hampers £474 (£294 last year) – think this was successful because of the short time between the filling of them and the draw which makes it fresh in people's minds.

Carol Services £50 (£250 last year) – lessons learnt – year 6's concert was a bit somber, no Mrs Page, drinks were served in the foyer which didn't work. Year 3/4 - usually held in playground but due to weather was in the hall so was a bit cramped, not much room to serve drinks, parents weren't allowed into the hall to buy refreshments until very close to the concert. Future think about serving drinks outside even if concert held indoors.

Cake of the Week – whole term - £341 – still missing the people who buy the whole term of tickets up front. How do we get this back? Advertise more? We are now pushing for home baking again as £20 doesn't go far when buying a cake. Reason we went to sponsorship instead of home baking was COVID. Should be ok to go back to home baking now and if it's all home baked then people won't be nervous to volunteer as they won't be compared with the shop bought ones.

Bags2School £195 – pretty good for non covid times. covid time was a bit different because people had time on their hands to gather clothes and we spread the word a lot more.

Christmas Cards £174 – includes gifts.

Overall Christmas comments:

We need to focus more on the carol services to get a bit more profit in future years.

Feedback from some parents is that there was a lot to donate, bring in, remember around Christmas. Calendar that Marta put together was really useful so we should aim to send that

out earlier e.g. mid November to give people a bit more time to buy in items for the hampers, jars etc.

General:

Tom Osman has volunteered to be chair for next year but would like a co-chair – volunteers welcome. Please spread the word around.

Mr Bath wants to set the PTFA meeting dates in advance so they are as follows:

26th Feb
25th March
22nd April
20th May
24th June

Other key dates:

We will start to plan the summer fayre on the 26th Feb.

Run around quiz will be held on 8th march – this is an evening in the hall where Mr. Bath puts together a quiz with multi choice answers where everyone has to run to a part of the hall to the right answer. We will serve hot dogs instead of pizzas this time.

March 11th – Easter Hampers – to be drawn on March 22nd.

June 6th – sports day rotation – KS1 am and KS2 pm.
June 7th – sports day races – parents to bring chairs/mats

14th June - St Joseph's got talent – teachers will arrange the event e.g. auditioning of acts etc. PTFA will arrange judges, prizes, tickets and refreshments. Suggested judges – Nigel Osmond – PTFC, Father Richard or Deacon Didier. Any other suggestions?

Saturday 6th July - Summer fayre – we will organise this soon e.g. book bouncy castle. We won't do a program this year – too much effort.

July 19th – colour run.

Ask Marta to do another calendar for our events. Suggest using the calendar part of the St. Joseph's website to include PTFA events.

New role needed – admin to have a section of the St. Joseph's website for the PTFA – this will include things like upcoming events, photos of past events, X amount raised etc. Caroline has someone in mind who she will ask to take on this role.

Tom volunteered to keep the A-board up to date for big events – first needs to check with Mr Bath if ok to put it back up after issues with it being in the entrance or find alternative location for it.

PTFA Spring Project:

It is proposed to spend approx. £10,000 on a new wood framed structure for use as an outdoor classroom in the school grounds. Frances shared the details of the project that she and Claire have put together with Mr Bath and a contractor (separate attachment).

The structure will be made of oak, with benches around the periphery of the structure. The floor is being investigated but they are looking into self binding gravel – loose gravel could be moved around and kicked around by the children. Tiles will be felt.

School will pay – will have to get 3 tenders as over £3,000. This will then be VAT exempt and the PTFA will then make a donation to the school to cover the cost.

We should make sure that the Contractor offers a warranty for the work.

Plan is to get it built by April.

A vote was taken and the project was approved unanimously.

A suggested name for the “classroom” was St. Gertrude who is the saint of gardening – Gerty for short.

Other spend plans:

The new Samsung tablets are still on the list of items to be bought but a decision on those will be taken at a future date.

The school will now fund the climbing wall and the fire pit which previously were potentially going to be bought by the PTFA.

Mr Bath has also asked for a small grant for board games for wet play days. This was a request from the school council. We should ask Mr Bath for a wishlist of games, we will first try to source them second hand (plea to parents), if we can't get them, we will buy new.

Other Business:

A suggestion for the summer fayre is to include a drawing/colouring competition even if we're not doing programs.

Caroline volunteered to e-mail some companies for raffle prizes for the summer fayre – e.g. wookey hole, tyntesfield, the port, aerospace museum, wild place, lido (Gerry Butland as a contact), Ninja warrior and Noah's Ark.

Note: we have previously looked into the school lotto – this was not deemed cost effective for the families of the school as the chances of winning are very low so we decided it's not worth pursuing.