

Minutes for Cavendish PTA meeting 13.03.13

Present: Simon Manning, Carolyne Allmark, Rob King, Clare McCarron, Karen Kennedy, David Griffiths, Nicola Byrne, Catherine Jones

Apologies: Rachel Boyd, Rachel Marsden, Caroline Henderson.

1. Treasurer's Report

The balance of the PTA account is currently £5,700.

We also have the £2,000 cheque from Ernest Cook, the grant successfully applied for by Caroline Blackburn, to give to school to support the gardening scheme.

There is an additional £4,000 in the ParentPay account from the sold-out early bird tickets for CavFest.

The PTA (and SM in particular!) would like to personally thank Tracy Clare for all her hard work and support over the years, it has been very much appreciated and we wish her all the best of luck for the future as she leaves Cavendish at the end of the term.

2. PTA Noticeboard

DG and RK have agreed to take over the upkeep of this from Tracy.

DG/RK

DG

DG to get the key back from Tracy.

3. Cavendish Quiz Night

Only 24 tickets sold so far so we need to further promote.

DG

DG to add in Friday's newsletter again.

SM

SM to check if Rhubarb is donating their prize or if we need to pay for it.

CMc

CMc to approach Elvis's Kitchen to see if they will donate a prize as a new business on the block.

Cococabana have donated a box of chocolates.

Claire Howarth is donating a set of mugs as a prize.

DM

DM to check with Michelle if she is able to be Quizmaster again.

SM has arranged for Folk to supply the beer again on a sale or return basis.
Licence has been arranged by CMC

CMc/CA

CMc and CA to go to Tesco on Tuesday 19th to pick up wine and salty snacks.

4. Upcoming Events

Summer Fair:

Agreed on a date of Sat 13th July from 1 - 3pm. DG to check date is ok with JM.

DG

Would be great to use the new BBQ if possible.

Didbury Festival:

JB agreed at the last meeting to run the sub-committee for this and is available to be part of the team manning our stall on the day. Needs to start thinking about theme, rota etc.

JB

Agreed to take two stalls and use one for the bouncy castle and the other to sell tuck, plastic tat, tattoos, etc.

Once we find out the theme, notices will go to parents re the procession, dressing kids in the same colour/theme and walking as a school group. We won't have a Samba dance teacher available to lead the Cavendish Group but could have the drummers leading instead. Suggestion made to select six yr 6 girls to form a simple dance routine and have those girls leading the group with the drummers and everyone else following behind. Suggestions of people who could do some face painting as another money-spinner – RM, Karen Kennedy, Megan Gregan. CA to ask Megan and Karen.

CA

SM confirmed that we have paid for the stall.

5. CavFest 2013

All 250 Adult 'Early Bird' tickets sold in 48 hours!

No acts to be advertised yet.

Agreed that Glynnis and her team will do all catering in-house. She is liaising with Manchester Fayre to sort this out.

Suggestion made for Fielden College to help out by supplying catering volunteers.

SM relayed that Ear to the Ground, the company behind staging and set-up for festivals like Kendal Calling and Parklife have offered equipment for free, which is great news.

Next sub-committee meeting on CavFest is w/c 18th Mar.

6. Gardening Scheme

The school are currently funding Leonie until the end of March and the new cash grant applied for by Caroline Blackburn of £2,000 will keep her until the end of August at least. SM to give this £2,000 grant to TC.

SM

We need a plan to agree who will continue to fund this when the grant money runs out so need to explore more bid options. Suggestion made to advertise the need for someone to spend some time doing this (perhaps a parent) in a future newsletter.

JM

Currently looking at all the options for reducing the cost of this including asking for parent contributions towards lesson time with Leonie and perhaps reducing her hours to fortnightly.

TC and JM need to discuss initially and report back.

TC/JM

7. Cook Book

New deadline set – Christmas Fair 2013.

CMc/RB

8. Athletics

Unanimous agreement that buying an annual licence for this would benefit children throughout the school. DG to look into it but see if we could purchase the licence for 12 months starting straightaway rather than waiting until the start of the next school year. **DG**

Cost is £1,600 per year. Suggested we ask parents for a contribution of £4 per child to fund the year Mar '13 – Mar '14 and see how much we get.

The PTA will then either match or make up any shortfall.

We could then buy an extra year from the CavFest profits.

9. Sports Kit

SM to ask his contact at Siemens if they would be interested in sponsoring our football kit (including waterproof jackets, kit, tracksuit bottoms and trainers). **SM**

AOB:

CMc has taken the Christmas Fair prize list details so that anyone who rings the office chasing up their prize can be referred to her for details on how to obtain it.

Easyfundraising – DG to arrange for BACS payments to be sent directly to PTA account. SM to send bank details **DG/SM**

Date of next meeting – Wednesday 1st May 2013