

Chesterton Community College
Parent Teacher Association
Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 November 2013

In attendance:

Jayne Clough (JC) (Treasurer), Natasha Werdmuller (NW) (Chair), Anne Merricks (AM) (Joint Secretary), Susie Johnson (SJ) (Joint Secretary), Lis Evetts (LE), Katherine Hutchinson (KH) (Head of Humanities), Katrina Patterson (MP) (Head of Languages), Sarah Reakes (SR) (Vice Chair), Sally Wall, Lynn Clift, Mary Jane O'sullivan, Jim O'sullivan, Lucy Scott (Principal), Mark Little (Director of Finance), Elisabeth von Hippel, Lucy Carlson, Louise Elkins, Caroline Brettell, Sophie Evans, Mateja Jamnik Bierman, Belinda Jones (BJ) (Parent Governor)

Apologies were received from Wendy Palmby and Alexandra Courtney

Note: NW's email is down so some apologies may have been missed.

NW welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for coming.

1. Approval of the minutes of the AGM meeting held on 17 September 2013

The minutes were approved.

2. Quiz Night (8 Nov)

NW reported that the Quiz night was a tremendous success and gave a big thank you to everyone who helped.

Raised £583 on the door and £868 at the bar.

After deducting costs NW announced a profit of **£899.50**

Another Quiz night is scheduled for April 25th 2014.

General approval was given at suggestion of a pupil only quiz night to be held after school day.

Action: NW to look at hall bookings for the end of Feb half term for possible date for pupil quiz.

3. Wine Tasting Evening (29 Nov)

NW & JC confirmed that 23 bookings have been made. Paul from Bacchanalia said he will run at 25 but NW feels we need 35 to make it viable.

Action: All big push.

4. Christmas Craft Event (13 Dec)

28 tables have been booked at £10/table. Carl Toseland, Site Officer has recommended 30 as maximum. NW said she will stop bookings at 28 tables.

It was suggested that the usual refreshments be served plus mulled wine and mince pies. JC suggested half hour slots to man refreshments between 6-9pm and suggested we ask for donations of trays of cakes.

Pat Dalby has kindly produced the poster and fliers which need distributing. NW has supply of them. Offers of help with distributing were asked for.

It was suggested that the PTA have a raffle/tombola table which could be manned by those serving refreshments/bar or by students. The discussion included the possibility of asking stall holders to donate £5 worth towards it. General agreement was this would take a lot of time to organise and needs further consideration.

KP suggested House Reps promote it with the students.

It was also noted that the event was not listed on PTA school website.

Action: NW & JC to make final decisions on whether to hold a raffle/tombola. KP to follow up possibility of House Rep involvement. SJ to add to PTA website.

5. Faculty requests

TW noted that more requests would be presented in the January meeting.

6. Lucy Scott's presentation & discussion

LS presented some GCSE results from last year and discussed improvement plans for next year.

Areas raised which prompted general discussion included:

Improvements to teaching spaces to make them a more stimulating and friendly learning environment. It was generally agreed that this could be a long term fundraising project for the PTA. It was widely acknowledged that having a specific fundraising aim, such as the minibus appeal, gave rigour to the process.

Action: LS will feedback from a working party meeting at the next PTA meeting.

7. Any other business

Refreshments at Parents' Evenings

NW made a plea for helpers at next weeks parents evening. It is becoming to be a large problem finding people to help. It was suggested that students could do it as part of the Chesterton Challenge.

Action: AM & SJ to target helpers. PTA committee to further discuss the possibility of student involvement.

8. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 14th January 2014 at 7.30pm.

Action: SJ to make room booking and send out reminders. All to come with fundraising ideas.

<p>Easyfundraising http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk and Easysearch http://chestertonpta.easysearch.org.uk/</p>
