



### **PTA Minutes 24th May 2023- Merlin Centre**

**Apologies received** : Michael, Angie and Rich Atterton

**Present** : Terri, Sue, Richard G, Nathalie, Karen and Doug

#### **Funding Requests**

As such no official request, but Doug mentioned that Jill Greenwood (staff member), has been planning a Y10 and families engagement group. This is in its planning stage still but is for families that don't engage with school revision/homework, have the right stationary etc. Each family pupil would receive a calculator and handwriting pen. Rough estimate needed would be approx £200. Upon discussion, Doug will ask Jill to submit a request form via Annie.

#### **Co-op, Amazon Smile and Easy Fundraising**

Nathalie told us that the Co-op had opened their search again for charities to apply for fundraising help once again. We have been successful in the last two bids, the last one raising £552.87, but we need to act quickly and apply before **June 11th**. If others apply for the first time, they may be more successful than previous applicants.

Recipients. Doug suggested two new initiatives, as we thought best to go with a new idea this time :

1) The M Shop, school based helps families in need with clothes, blankets and food vouchers if needed. Emma Hicks heads this up - **The committee agreed we would like to support this idea. Doug will ask Emma for photos depicting items, so Nathalie can proceed with our bid.**

**Doug/Nathalie**

2) Eco Club, is headed by Bobby Armstrong and pupil members. This initiative involves recycling and school environment saving.

**Amazon Smile** - now finished. **Easy Fundraising** - Rich G knows the procedure, so it's just a case of setting it up. **Richard G**

We all agreed we need to advertise these things on Facebook, once we have the blurb. Is there anyone on the year groups to advertise?

Any emails that we would like advertised, email to Doug who will liaise with Annie.

### **MFest - 2nd July**

Terri broached the subject of the MFest committee needing help. A couple of members are already volunteering for the bar etc and have purchased tickets. At the moment it was felt that we are trying to salvage the PTA, and that has to be our first priority. We did suggest we had a MFest/PTA stall at the festival, manned by Terri and Sue for ½ hours and Doug confirmed we should not have to buy a ticket to do that. **Terri will email Richard Sullivan**

### **Transition day - Thursday 13th July**

We decided that if ⅔ of us could attend the parent gathering in the canteen for just under an hour, we could plug the PTA and try and recruit new members. Terri had hoped to join Sue but unfortunately, is unable to get the time off as transition day affects primary schools too, plus own son on a days job placement with her. Is there anyone that can free an hour or less on that morning from 9am? Doug is going to plug this at the meet the tutor evening but we need to know if we can staff this. We would serve tea/coffee/pastries? - **PLEASE ADVISE**

### **Comedy night**

We discussed once again, and decided to aim for Jan/Feb time, but have a strong ethos on it for the September meeting with any new starters. **Karen/Sue/Terri**

### **Quiz night - Nov 10th/11th - TBC**

Again to go in with a plan for our first meeting in new school year. We are thinking a Fish/chip or Sausage/chip supper could be offered.

### **Secondhand Uniform Sale**

Saturday July 8th This will be **Salpi** last sale with us. Thank you so much for all of your help over the years, you will be missed very much. Unfortunately, Terri has doublebooked herself again with Cub camp that weekend. Is there anyone that help Sue and Salpi please? If only to set up and close down please? Set up 9.30 and close down 11.30. **PLEASE ADVISE - Hall Booked**

### **Quiz**

School are already booked for a World Challenge quiz, but we discussed looking at possibly holding one in the summertime, hoping to draw more parents out for the evening. Consideration in getting 2/3 good prizes for the raffle or an auction of these items during the evening. **Sue/Terri** happy to run. **Terri** will email Rich A for potential quiz dates.

### **Card Reader**

We agreed a very much needed item for our uniform sales and other events. Rich G has emailed Mike about it. It would be great to have it before the sale. Richard has a couple of readers we could borrow but it needs a little accounting before we proceed. **Mike/Richard**

### **Recruitment Need**

We need a serious recruitment blurb to publish via Ria at Marlborough and that we can use at Transition morning/uniform sale etc. It needs to focus on the retention of the PTA as members are close to leaving the school. If anyone thinks they could rustle one up, would be great. We also need to keep on trying to recruit.

Next meeting set for Tuesday 4th July 7.30pm Merlin Centre (6th Form) - **Booked by Doug**