

## PTA MEETING - Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> April

Venue: Wheatsheaf Inn, Symington  
Time: 1900  
Attendees: Melanie Doherty - Chairperson  
Mrs Galt  
Mrs Fennah  
Anne-Marie Tierney  
Monique Morrison  
Dorothy Brown  
Audrey Christie  
Appologies: Gillian  
Gemma Wallbanks  
Annie Steel

### 1) Accounts

- Balance of accounts healthy. They can be seen on school notice board at reception.
- 3 Laptops provided to school earlier this year.
- Discussion around what to use rest of balance for: To supplement the end of year trips or to provide further lap tops for the school.
- Agreement reached that laptops would be of benefit and so 2 additional lap tops will be purchased from the funds of this year. The remaining money will be used to pay for a tennis week for the pupils of the school.

### 2) Discussed the fact that there have been significantly less people attending the events this year. The Ceilidh in particular, had very poor attendance.

Group felt that there is a lack of understanding of what the PTA actually does and what it is raising money for.

- Suggestions:
- Send minutes from meetings out to parents via e-mail
  - Summary of minutes in Newsletter
  - Send out questionnaire to parents to find out what sort of events they would attend and what would they like to see the money spent on?
  - Suggestion to send out questionnaire in August to capture new parents.
  - Could we not do it now and then again to P1 & new parents only in August?

### 3) Quite long discussion about various fundraising events; ideas, what would work what not:

- Ceilidh and similar evening events are hard as people would need babysitter for younger kids or if adult only events, for all kids.
- Zumba was suggested by Lesley MacPherson
- Sponsored Bounce has still generated the most money, probably because parents do not need to be there or get involved much. Some concern about asking for money so early on in the term so may consider to do later.

### 4) Previous minutes:

- Photos: Everybody except for one person has received them. Have chased and all ok.

- DVD: All received and payment received.

5) Sports Day:

- Date is Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> of May 2011.
- Discussion as to whether teas and coffees should be served. Agreed not to do it as does not generate a lot of money and parents would want to see their children. Everyone to just enjoy the day!
- Helpers for Sports Day still required for Potted Sports.

6) P7 Leaving Do

There will be 27 kids. Event will be held at Community Hall. All staff usually attend.

Date confirmed Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2011.

Timings:           Leave school at 1800  
                       Bowling starts at 1830  
                       Hall required from 1830

- Mrs Fennah to book bowling, bus and hall.
- Text from school to be sent out to parents on 13<sup>th</sup> May requesting volunteers for some home baking.
- Savory food for buffet to be organised by Mel, Annie, Gill, Monique ... at "Bogend" .
- Balloons, plates, napkins, cups as above.
- Table cloths in stock.

Volunteers required. Please contact the school and leave name and number for Melanie or text her mobile.

7) Committee

Replacement of Melanie needs to be sourced.

Flyer to be issued to parents with information on what the PTA does, what it has achieved and asking parents to what extent they would like to be involved. Important also to mention that the Chairperson only needs to do it for one year.

Proposal to send this out in August

Proposal to hold AGM this year in August/September time.

8) Any other Business

Group discussed ideas for fundraising in new year:

- Rag Bags:           Now also accept books which get re-used.  
                           Next collection on 22<sup>nd</sup> June between 9am and 3pm  
                           Flyer out beginning June
- Treasure Hunt: Instead of Sponsored Bounce in September  
                           Mrs Fennah to find out from Mrs Gibson if they still have  
                           information from previous Treasure Hunt.
- Sponsored Bounce: Move to February 2012
- Dinner Dance: Suggestion from Audrey Christie  
                           Each class makes up the Raffle Prizes for the Dance

No sponsored events this term anymore as school too much to do to prepare for Inspection.

Please can we ask ANYONE for suggestions for calendar of events for upcoming year to assist the new Chairperson.