

Minutes of Wistanstow School PTA AGM held on Thursday 17th September 2020

Present:- Gill Preece, Claire Eveson, Emma Hadwin, Julie Davies

Apologies:- Rachel Braybrooke, Marianne Bromley Page, Juliet Orme, Ellie Goode, Heather Brown & Kelly Jones

Minutes of the last AGM approved, there were no matter arising.

Chairperson's Report

The last academic year started well with the Plough donating £450 to the PTA following the success of Woodfest. Christmas PTA activities included the children's disco, organising presents for the children and serving mulled wine and mince pies served after the church service. Thanks to all those who helped organise these events, especially to Bruce Orme for running the disco.

The new year kicked off with a successful and fun Murder Mystery night. The event was well supported by both parents and the local community and raised £1400. Huge thanks go to Mariella Halford, her Dad, Leigh Francis and everyone else who helped organise and run this event.

Unfortunately the Wistanstow Bike Show wasn't able to find an individual or team of people to organise the event so it was decided to make it a biennial event. The next bike show had provisionally been planned for Sunday 21st March 2021. With COVID gaining momentum in mid-March 2020 it was perhaps fortunate that an early decision had been taken, all be it for different reasons. The national lockdown caused the closure of the school and therefore the cancellation of the Plant Sale/Coffee Morning, end of year Disco and Leavers Service. The PTA still purchased hoodies for the 2020 leavers but were disappointed not to be able to celebrate the end of their time in primary school in the usual way. We wish them all the best in their new schools!

Treasurers Report

£6,316.58 in current account, £6179.86 funds in reserve accounts.

No requests for funding have been received from school. Fundraising opportunities are limited currently although reduced expenditure is also expected due to the COVID restrictions. It was agreed not to renew the council license required for holding a 'draw'.

Election of New Committee

Chairperson – Gillian Preece, nominated by Emma Hadwin, seconded by Julie Davies

Seretary – Claire Eveson, nominated by Gillian Preece, seconded by Emma Hadwin

Treasurer – Julie Davies, nominated by Claire Eveson, seconded by Emma Hadwin

Shed Update

The PTA shed behind the Greene Room is no longer weatherproof or secure. It was agreed that replacing this storage facility should be the priority for 2020/21 so that the PTA equipment, such as sports kit, the marquee, mugs/urn etc can all be stored securely in one place. An initial quote was discussed, the purchase and construction costs were agreed by the committee. Julie and Gill will obtain alternative quotes for the shed itself and the groundworks and liaise with the village hall regarding plans.

A.O.B.

Bags to school may still be collecting, Claire to investigate and book a collection if possible.

The PTA Facebook site is a useful tool for parents to communicate and it was agreed to encourage new parents to 'sign up'. However, any personal issues should not be posted publicly and should be taken up directly with the school.

Date of next meeting:- Thursday 16th September 2021, venue and time to be confirmed.