

MSA Committee Meeting Tuesday November 3rd, 2009

Present: Vicki, Ian, Andy, Wendy, Paul, Angela, Paula, Sima, Clare, Moira

Apologies: Catherine, Sarah Jane, Theresa

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed by all.

Actions from the last meeting

- 200 Club - £150 is to be paid in January.

Treasurer's update. Ian reported that:

- takings for both fireworks night and for school uniform are coming in steadily.
- We have received a donation of £100 from Mr Stowell in Class 6. – Vicki will write a thank you letter.
- Planning permission has been granted for the large shade so we will need money for this sooner than anticipated.
- Bike sheds will cost less than we budgeted for, so the extra money can be given to the shade campaign.
- Book fair takings of £645.00, raising just under £400 for the school. Sima noted that the volunteers had been good this time.

Fireworks Night

Arrangements were discussed. Ian and Paula will arrive at 1pm and two other members will follow shortly after. Help is needed to put up the fence. The fireworks will arrive soon, but we have hard hats and vests, so all ready. Paula reported that the rota is 2/3 full and that food orders were quite low. She and Vicki will shop for food.

Christmas Fayre

- There will be a meeting of the Xmas Fayre committee on Monday
- Andy is running the raffle and organising prizes
- We still need a Father Christmas
- Things for children to make in class for parents to buy. Angela needs a Baker Ross catalogue.
- Cygnets have approached Wendy requesting to hold a stall – after some discussion it was decided that they would be charged the parent rate of £5, although we need to determine what is on the stall so there is no clash of interests. Sima suggested the Cygnets children make things for the parents to buy, to encourage them to attend. – Vicki will meet the Cygnets Chair.
- Licence to serve mulled wine– Paul will sort this out, for the hours 5.30-9pm.

200 Club

It had been suggested that the money raised from the 200 Club should be split to spend more on prizes. However the Committee decided that the usual 50/50 split for prizes/fundraising should stand.

School Uniform

Next year we will be losing Karen, Mel and Helen who run the school uniform orders. They have produced a very organised system. The question had arisen of who will take over and whether an online ordering system, as operates at IVC should be implemented. A discussion ensued, and points raised were that sizing can be very tricky with an online system and returns difficult. Parents value the convenience of uniform kept on site where sizes can be swapped easily, and uniform purchased quickly. The Committee agreed to maintain the current system in house, and look for new parents to run the School Uniform.

The matter of whether other uniform items should be added to our range was raised. Hats were suggested, but deemed a nightmare for the teachers. Also, older children would refuse to wear matching hats.

Website

The Committee brought up various complaints about the site, as it was agreed that it doesn't look too good, and the new site was difficult to find, as links were now broken, and it was and impossible to Google. Vicki will talk to James Fraser. Sima noted that one of the parents she knows would be able to help sort out problems, if required. It was noted that now the web address had changed, our letterhead should be changed accordingly.

Sammy Shade – Sammy seems to have come to a halt. Sima suggested a class competition for children to pay to enter to make up a Sammy Shade song, to help raise money.

Quiz Night

A quizmaster has been found so the quiz night can go ahead. The stage will be up for the Easter performance around this time – Angela will find out when. Friday 12th March was suggested. [*The Quiz Night has since been rearranged for Friday 5th March*]