

Present: Vicki, Paula, Catherine, Ian, Moira, Jacqui, Wendy, Sima, Katie Thompson

Apologies: Paul, Sue Dorrington

3. The minutes of the last meeting were agreed by all.

4. Review of Events

200 Club.

Many thanks to Theresa who is stepping down from running the 200 Club. A note will be put in the newsletter to recruit someone to take over, emphasising that there is no need for the person to attend Committee meetings. Ian will continue to do the finances for this. Vicki explained how the club works – once a month a ball is pulled out of a bag to find the winner. A letter is sent out to parents at the beginning of term, then numbers are assigned and drawn every month. Jacqui noted that she has an idea of someone who may do this.

Summer BBQ

Vicki thanked the committee for their help with this, the atmosphere had been nice and relaxed. We made - £1750 (£500 less than previous years). The Committee made comments and thought about how the event could be improved for next year:

- Sponging – next year we need at least 2 parents to run the stall. Game stalls require only one person. Game stalls are fun but raise very little money. Need to find other things to raise money.
- Location of stalls – under the gazebo was too isolating – move to central location.
- Café area – make a seating area near the tea and cake stand
- Disco – ensure the songs have suitable lyrics for young children!
- Fairground rides were very popular and easy to organise – perhaps get more next year. Vicki has details of other rides through PWS Events.
- Go Karts – very popular but only gave us £40. Ask for more next year.
- Hydrosphere – seen at Milton Summer Fair – Paula has details.
- Battack bash the lights game – we could hire this for next year.
- Photo with a Dalek – a great success in 2009 – bring back for 2011.
- Lookalikes – we could hire one and charge a fee for a photo.
- T-Shirt parade. The teachers generally disliked parading in their t-shirts as they felt silly. They enjoyed the communal artwork idea, though. It was suggested that next year the children could all be involved in making a banner on fabric with fabric pens to display Chinese dragon style.
- Food – All comments except one were very positive about the food – the Scouts apologised for not starting early enough and for running late.
- Smita has public liability and has completed the food hygiene course so would be able to sell food in 2011.

5. Future Events.

Book Fayre – Sima is organising this, and it will take place from Friday 15th - Thursday 21st October. Books will be provided by Travelling Books this time.

Firework Night - this will take place on Friday 5th November. Despite the obvious clash with the Midsummer Common display, parents of young children still prefer a more local event. Ian and Paula will order the fireworks by the end of next week. The Scouts, Donuts and Crepes have been booked and all is in hand.

AGM – must take place within the first three weeks of September, followed by the first MSA meeting of the term. 21st September was set as the date for this.

Christmas Fayre – this usually takes place on the first Thursday of December, so 2nd December. Vicki stated that if it is to go ahead, a coordinator is needed as Catherine will have left. We need more volunteers. It was decided that a plea for more help would go out in the next MSA newsletter. Jacqui noted that at her previous school they held a mini-market, where parents provided and wrapped small gifts for the children to buy for their parents and family. This took place in school time and had proved very successful.

The committee talked about an alternative Christmas event, to include a disco with games, Santa, tuck shop and chill zone – this will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Quiz Night – This will go ahead in March, but will probably be a bring-your-own booze and food event to simplify arrangements.

6. Newsletter. Paula is in the process of doing this. She will include a clear message that without more help the Xmas Fayre will not go ahead.

7. School Uniform – Mel, Helen and Karen have now finished – Moira has an idea of someone who may take over.

Any other Business

The committee suggested some other possible fundraising ideas for future discussion – a Pamper Evening and a Car Boot Sale.

Money bags - we have a stack of money bags in the MSA Cupboard which could be given to the children to fill with small change over the summer. Someone then has to count it....

School play – the MSA usually provides refreshments during the interval. Vicki has already bought wine and Moira will buy juice. Ian and Moira to help with serving.

Leavers disco – the MSA has given £100 to the teachers.

Goodbyes – Vicki , on behalf of all the committee sent a huge thank you and farewell to Wendy Schorn, Catherine Taylor and Claire Purvis who have done a huge amount of work on the Committee over the years. They have been fantastic fundraisers and friends, and will be sorely missed. Welcome too to Jacqui Taylor who has already been a great help with the summer fair.