

FOA Minutes Wednesday 15/1/2025

Attendees:

Committee - Debbie Popplewell (Chair), Chloe Jenner (Secretary), Dave WILBY (Treasurer),

Sarah Muirhead, Charlotte, Jess, Sharon (Lollipop Lady), E. Warren (Head Teacher), Katie Stockwell

Everyone introduced and welcomed.

Money Owed

E.W has emailed a final request for monies owed. It has been offered in two instalments: One at the end of January and one at the end of February. If this has not happened E.W will take it further. D.W and C.J are confirming how much that is owed.

Reflect on XMAS disco and last term:

Profit appears to be low; it was £500 + £170 (RAFFLE) but we have a lot of Elfridges supplies left and Santa prizes for next year.

Online raffle from last year raised over £200 which is more profitable and easier to manage.

A lot of tuck shop left too so less needed for Easter Disco.

Sauce and serviettes will be needed.

Current amount is: £850 to come in

Last year had 2 big out goings: Tea Towels & Bike shelter. But monies owed should be more than the tea towels cost as they were run with a profit margin.

Non branded items:

Do we make enough profit? (K.S oversees this and explains the discounts we get)

Charitie legalities –

GAMBLE licenses – we need this for every raffle we hold if tickets are sold in advance and not on the night.

CJ has gone through the constitution from Parent Kind and has shared key components we need to ensure we adhere to.

Wonderdome – Space inflatable or school that teaches each class– CJ will chase up prices.

As part of FOA constitution we have committed to large projects to improve children's educational experience. This can be a donation from PTA or chargeable.

World book day - Wonka – PTA-events

School is having theirs on the 7th March, PTA committee members D.P and C.J will run the Wonka shop and trial PTA-events for preorders.

We need some more prizes for this but to keep in mind we must ask for the summer fayre too.

suggestions given: Toy shop

D.W.- contact friend in mars / and one in clip and climb

CJ to ask Rachel – climbing wall voucher

Carnival – 14th June

Suggested we ask parents to sort their children and FOA give a fixed amount for main structures and props.

Ideas so far:

Grinch – everyone is who's, PTA will find one to be grinch

River Wharfe – adults as the river (construction blue netting), children as otters/fish etc

Modern Railway - it's 200years old

Different seasons

350 years royal of the Greenwich observatory (rather than space, go for the scientific astronomer's route)

Carnival was expensive and taxing on PTA last year. Support was asked from parents and non-attended the sessions. C suggested to get a table at carnival to raise funds. CJ to investigate it, we haven't done this before because committee tend to be in the carnival and no one free to run it. We could book a non-uniform day for Tombola prizes.

C suggested selling uniform more regularly on rails at school. E.W will look at the logistics of it, possibly google form once a month with the need to let parents mention what is needed.

Easter disco

We have a lot of tuck but need an Inventory to get the last few bits. K.S will sort this

Non uniform Friday 28th March bring an Easter egg

Disco booked 3/4/25 with the DJ.

A poster needs to be made and distributed after half term.

Dale Eddison

We need to email and apply to be their charity donation. What we can ask them to supply (and highlight what sponsorship we are willing to undertake):

Outdoor cinema license event to allow families to be connected at a minimal cost.

Wonder dome

We need to show them the deprivation index of Otley to demonstrate why they should choose our school.

AOB

Due to not having many members of PTA, we have previously had to cut back to Discos and summer fayres. As more people are joining new ideas are being shared and previous things we have done can be brought back in. As part of the constitution if a member comes up with an idea and wants to run with it, a committee member should be volunteering their time to support the running of the activity.

- Easter egg picture hunt – C will run this event (with support of any Committee members if requested)
- Baking class with the children – Pizza dough and homemade pizza to take home
- CJ suggested next Christmas gingerbread house/ people (depending on age) decorating
- Community larder involvement for Movie nights
- Victorian Fayre (concern over booking it in advance because last time over 10 people cancelled last minute leaving a handful to hold the fort and one for the last 3 hours, not a lot donated so one member made a lot of things and we were not allowed a tombola)
 - This was voted in so will be booked in and see what happens this year.

A lot of ideas given but to make these happen we need more people to lead events.

CJ – Year 6 hoodies, PTA have always bought a gift for year 6. In past years the cups have broken, and children have requested hoodies. These are expensive so PTA donate the funds they normally would for a gift and the year 6 raise the rest. Year 6 would like to run an Easter raffle with eggs they buy themselves and create a hamper. As PTA does not usually do an Easter raffle year 6 are asking permission.

Permission voted and agreed on

OCADO and York chocolate story have been contacted in regard to donations and will respond hopefully in time for Wonka shop. We shall ask book shops and buy small gifts like bubbles and small sweets.

CJ brought up the possibility of committee members who would like to have a first aid course and a DBS check. This should help staff at events as we can then be left to do activities with the children. – voted and agreed.

PTA can access different grants that school can. CJ will investigate this and see if there is anything relevant for us currently

C mentioned the hampers could be made smaller and more of them. It has been suggested last year but due to lack of volunteers at the run up to Christmas we didn't have time. Going forward members have volunteered to bag them with any donated gift bags. C also suggested it can be sealed gift bags so more a surprise.

10th July is the Summer Fayre. CJ has requested we kindly ask school staff if we can do it on a Saturday. Many parents cannot attend a mid-week session. We cannot get the fire truck to come on a weekday. We could then open it for the community and have staff families more than welcome to join in too.

Next meetings planned:

26th February 630pm Yew Tree

23rd April 630pm Yew Tree

4th June 630 pm Yew Tree