

# ST MARY'S PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

## Minutes of the Committee Meeting – 15<sup>th</sup> April 2013 Van Meenan Room

**Attendees:** Liz Cole, Elaine Williams, Colin McCarthy, Caroline Askill & Lisa Buckley.

**Apologies:** None

Minutes of the previous meeting agreed.

### **Matters Arising:**

**Provision of shelving for Uniform Shop** – Various options were discussed. It was decided to ask for volunteers via the newsletter to see if any parents come forward. If not, we will have to seek alternative options. Our target is to have the premises up and running after the May half term.

**School Uniform** – Tesco's have made contact regarding their producing and selling our uniform. They have indicated that they could produce our boy's polo shirt for RRP £3.70. This compares to £8 from Kinder's. Elaine is going to provide them with a sample shirt. It was recognised that Carolyne & Gaynor are already making enquiries about alternative sources too. It will come down to quality and price and of course agreement from Mrs Elliker and the Governors.

**Interactive Screens** – These have been purchased and we are awaiting delivery.

**iPads** – We are still waiting for a quote for the provision of 16 iPads. Attendees were not sure if the word 'iPad' was being used in the generic sense or whether the school were considering other tablets due to the limitations of the Apple product.

A question was raised about the Netbooks that the children used to use and whether these were still available.

**ACTION:** Elaine to follow-up.

**Spend Request** – The Governors have asked how much money the PFA has available to spend. As yet, there has not been any indication as to what the money is to be used for, nor have any figures been discussed. Colin emphasised that without the costings for the new toilets it is difficult to say how much spare is in the account.

**80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** – Only approximately 40 tickets had been sold but at the time of writing this had increased to in excess of 70. It is hoped that at least 100 tickets would be sold to cover the band hire, even if the buffet costs had to be swallowed (no pun intended!) by the PFA. Regrettably, there have not been many contributions for the proposed memories book.

**Dance Workshop 'Through the Decades'** – This is an educational day funded by the PFA at a cost of £1200. Lisa explained the history behind the PFA funding such days, i.e. the school used to

fund them and ask for a contribution from parents to cover the cost. Of course, not everyone paid which meant the school was regularly having to make up the short-fall, hence the PFA began paying for them. It was suggested that parents are asked once again to make a minimal contribution so that the events are not completely subsidised by the PFA.

**1930's Dress Down Day** – It was commented that parents are finding it difficult to find 1930's style clothing, so it was suggested that it should instead be a 'Through the Decades Theme' to tie in with their dance workshop.

**Photos & DVDS** – It was felt these could provide an easy way of making money and is something that many parents are happy to pay for. Jeff Callimeri produced DVDs for the 2012 Infant concert and would probably be willing to do more events if appropriate.

**Summer Fayre** – Planning is well under way. This too will have a slight change of format and will focus more on being a family fun day. It will be discussed further at the next meeting.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Mother's Day Sale - £423.83 Profit. 346 children paid, 80 non-payers.

Easter Egg Hunt - £390.50 Profit. 381 children paid. 45 non-payers.

Nearly New Uniform Sale - £116.50

Year 3 Film Club - £48.00

Adventure Island Tickets – this year 100 tickets were purchased initially rather than waiting to get 100 orders. If all tickets are sold it will make £100 profit. Caroline mentioned that Adventure Island now sell annual passes so sales may go down as parents opt for these instead.

### **Future Events**

**Cash For Clothes** – This weekend, Sunday/Monday 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> April. Collection point is the Van Meenan Room. Thanks to the Parish for the use of the room.

**Promise Night** – Liz explained this auction-type event. Items are donated by parents and businesses, i.e. a celebration cake, case of wine, dinner for two etc. The auction list is then produced & circulated in advance of the event. On the night people can bid for the items they want. It was felt that this could potentially be a great night as well as a great fund-raiser. It would take place the next school year as it will take time to contact business etc and get the prizes together.

**Quiz Night** – This was discussed again. To hire a quiz master for the night could cost approximately £200. The ticket price of £7 was suggested for a fish and chip supper, or just £5 for an event without food. With only a few in attendance at the meeting it was decided to discuss further at the next meeting because we couldn't agree and discussing it was making us hungry.

The meeting concluded at 9.25pm

**Next meeting – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May**