

ST MARY'S PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Committee Meeting – 28th January 2013

Attendees: Liz Cole, Elaine Williams, Sharon Juggins, Paula Dowdall, Colin McCarthy, Carolyne Brennan, Caroline Askeff, Sara O'Brien, Jackie Noonan.

Apologies: Lisa Buckley, Vicky Amey

Meeting opened with a prayer

Minutes of the previous meeting agreed.

Matters Arising:

Pupils Toilet Renovations – As a Board of Governors representative, Jackie Noonan asked the PFA Committee if they could financially support the renovations work that will be carried out on the pupils' toilet facilities in the summer holidays. The project will be costing in the region of £140,000; the school has some grant monies towards this but have a shortfall of around £10,000 - £12,000 + VAT.

The matter was discussed with consideration of the PFA current bank balance in mind. There have been considerable payments recently: £5000 for Green Screens for the school, £900 to cover the shortfall for the 80th anniversary celebrations, £900 for 80th anniversary coins, and Forensic and Circus "educational" days.

It was agreed that the PFA would give the school £5000 now, with the additional amount given as monies are raised by coming events in June – Father's Day Sale (always a winner!) and the Family Fun Day.

Parish Donation Request – Father Paul has approached the PFA for any possible donation as the parish were not given anything from the profits of the Christmas Winter Wonderland. Unfortunately with money being incredibly stretched at this present time it was agreed that the PFA would explain that money that was raised at the Winter Wonderland has gone to pay for the concrete base and storage facility that was imperative due to losing our other storage facilities in the parish.

The PFA will obviously consider the parish in any future joint fundraising events.

Family Fun Day (Formally Summer Fayre) – As is the current fashion the Summer Fayre has been refreshed and renewed, and will now be the Family Fun Day! An event for all the family to enjoy and have FUN!

Some of the successful stalls will remain, but they will be complemented by some new ones. Sharon Juggins will kindly once again arrange the stall holders, Sara O'Brien volunteered to do the admin for the Grand Prize Draw, and Caroline Askeff took the materials for a new stall, "Money Bags!". For those who are concerned "Hook the Bag" will still be a stall!

Gazebos were discussed at some length and it was agreed that a few "cheaper" gazebo/covers would be purchased from Tesco, and some larger/sturdier event shelters would be looked into – current price at Costco £140

The meeting concluded at 9.30pm

Next meeting – Monday 3rd June 2013 at 8pm.