

Minutes of Hagley Catholic High School PTA Meeting
Held On Tuesday 12th September 2017

ATTENDEES:

Chairman: Pete Harrington

Committee Members: Olivia Breakwell, Justyna Breckles, Irene Brew, Annie Dunseith, Bob Horton, David Teboul, Andre Thibault, Emma Randle

Teachers/School: None in attendance.

Apologies : Marie Bloomer, Antoinette Connolly, Slava Elcock, Pat Harrington, Lisa McCourt, Julie Redden, Lisa Worrall.

Copy Of Minutes to Patrick Hunt – To add to school website & add next PTA meeting date to school website please.

1. **WELCOME & PRAYER**

Pete welcomed all and opened with a prayer.

2. **NEW PUPILS INTAKE EVENING / NEW PTA MEMBERS**

Julie Redden, Pete Harrington & Pat Harrington were present at the New Pupils Intake evening. 54 parents signed the PTA form indicating their interest in becoming involved with the PTA.

Pete extended a warm welcome to 2 new members to this evening's PTA meeting - Olivia Breakwell and Justyna Breckles.

We plan to send a follow-up email, and copy of the last Minutes, to the other parents who signed the form, to encourage them to join us at future meetings.

Annie will make contact with Rosie at Hagley School (previous PTA Secretary) and ask if Rosie has lists of parents who attended the intake evenings in the past couple of years, so that we can make contact with them too.

Teachers

There were no teachers present at this meeting. Bob asked if anyone knew of any new Teachers to the school who could be approached to attend our future PTA's? Pete will mention this when he meets with the new Head, Mrs Horan.

In the past, Teachers : Claire Cotterill & Helena Wilde were involved and they gave excellent support. The PTA were subsequently happy to support Claire & Helena with their requests for PTA funds to help with their departments.

3. **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed.

4. **TREASURER'S UPDATE**

Irene handed out a typed Treasurer's report, which was taken as read.

There was £4053.86 in the account at the time of the meeting. Pete gave Irene a further £170.91 of sponsorship money to Irene from his "Beard Shave", making a total in the account now of : £4234.77.

5. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Beard Shave

Pete has more sponsorship money to collect.

Photo's of Pete's Beard Shave and story will be appearing in the next edition of "Catholic Today".

Pete will email the photo's and a screenshot of the article to Annie. Annie to send to Patrick – to be uploaded to the PTA section of the school website.

Dioscesan Finance Meeting

Pete had a meeting a week or so ago to ask for any help that they can offer with funding for the toilets.

They may be able to help with requests to a maximum of £25,000. Funds we require are over £30,000.

David suggested that we apply for the £25,000 and the PTA will find funding for the remainder.

Andre suggested also to look into whether the school can claim the VAT back.

Antiques Roadshow Fund Raiser

Pete has spoken to "Fieldings". They could run an event in February. They gave 2 options : People to bring in their personal items to be valued or a person from "Fieldings" could do a lecture about antiques. When a definite date is sorted, Pete will organise a printed programme.

Fashion Show

The previous Fashion Show was a successful one. Everyone agreed it would be a good idea to run another one, as about £1500 was raised at the last one.

Meeting With Head

After Pete has had his hip operation this Thursday, he will arrange for a meeting with the new Head, Mrs Horan, to discuss the PTA's ideas for events and where they could possibly slot into the school programme.

Toilet Complaint Letters

Letters have already been received from some parents expressing their concern about the state of the toilets. We need as many letters as we can, so please ask any parents that you know. The more letters we have, the more it will help us with our case for getting funding.

6. WEATHER LOTTERY & EASY FUNDRAISING

We need to keep republicising this. Details are on school website. Perhaps move the details underneath where PTA is mentioned on the website – Annie will ask Patrick to organise.

Emma suggested that a page publicising anything related to the PTA be added to the back of the school newsletter, so parents can keep up to date with PTA news.

7. PROGRAMME OF ACTION

Suggestion of future fundraising events :

Barn Dance, Car Boot, Football event (Pete has International Football contacts he could approach). Also there are 2 pupils at Hagley that play at a very high level (Connie Schofield & Joe) who could also get involved.

Bob shared his knowledge of swimming events that "The Lions" group used to run successfully each year, where £2000 - £4000 was raised, without too much effort, and suggested the PTA may wish to run a similar event. Also he mentioned a very successful boxing evening that he was aware of that might be suitable for our PTA to organise.

Justyna suggested organising an event around "International Women's Day" or "Mother's Day" for Mums at the school eg: a pamper day with therapies, beauty etc. Olivia added that her friend runs "Spruce" hairdressers in Hagley Village and her son attends Hagley, she may wish to be involved.

Justyna also suggested a fundraising "New Parents Coffee Morning" to encourage parents to meet other parents – along the lines of a "Macmillan Coffee Morning".

Grants – David & Irene will look up online what Grants may be available.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 16th October at 7pm. Venue: "West One Bar" – Hagley Village.