

Minutes of Hagley Catholic High School PTA Meeting
Held On Tuesday 20th June 2017

ATTENDEES:

Chairman: Pete Harrington

Committee Members: Irene Brew, Gavin Buchannan, Antoinette Connolly, Annie Dunseith, Alan Edwards, Pat Harrington, Bob Horton, Emma Randle

Teachers/School: None in attendance.

Apologies : Marie Bloomer, Carol Carew, Lisa MacCourt, Julie Redden, David Teboul, Andre Thibault, Bernie Willson, 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 opened with a prayer and welcomed new member, Alan Edwards, and all present to the meeting.

2. **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed.

At the last PTA meeting a great deal of time was spent discussing the current condition of the toilets. PTA members (who are also parents of the children at school) expressed their concerns about the children being reluctant to use the toilets due to their state. This may have a knock-on effect of bladder problems, urine infections, bowel problems. Also pupils are reluctant to drink fluids or water at school in case they then need to go to the toilet. The importance of regular water intake for the brain is paramount in a learning environment.

Subsequent to the last meeting, Annie composed a letter, taking into account parents views. PTA members agreed with the content.

Pete asked Annie to create a "Proforma Version" that other parents could sign and put their names to, as the school are more likely to react if a large number of parents have similar views about the toilets.

3. **TREASURER'S REPORT / PTA BANK BALANCE**

Irene advised that the PTA had £3,258.45 in their account.

3 cheques have been paid out:

£380 for Lourdes.

£20 Gambling Licence.

£760 Air Ambulance Donation.

Also sponsorship money of £105 has been received. Making a total in the account now of £2203.45.

Irene informed that an “Alcohol Licence” is required 10 working days before the Race Night – Pete has this in hand.

There is just £15 in the “Crowdfunding” account at the moment. The account is live now and will be publicised via social media. Patrick to add it to school website. Irene to provide the info’ about “Crowdfunding”.

Also a school “Text” to be sent, or an email telling staff, parents and pupils about the “Crowdfunding” and what we are raising money for.

4. **CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

Pete advised that Patrick had enquired about the possibility of obtaining some money for school computers. Pete made him aware that the school toilets are the main priority at present, however, he would keep a note of Patrick’s request.

Pete has been in contact with Steve in the Finance Department of the Archdiocese who are offering us advice and help regarding gaining funds from Trusts.

New Intake Evening At The School

New Intake evening at the school is on Thursday 13th July at 6pm. Can you advise Pete please if you are able to attend to promote the PTA at this event?

Film Race Night – Friday 7th July 2017

Pete’s Beard Shave & Haircut

Pete advised that he has £1,139.20 so far that has been promised to him for his charity beard shave & haircut. Well done Pete, that is fantastic!

Munroe’s Hairdressing Salon, Stourbridge will be shaving off Pete’s beard and hair at the “Race Night”.

Pete handed out posters and forms for the PTA members to take and circulate to Primary Schools and Parishes publicising the event. Irene will hand some in at the School Staffroom.

Pete asked if PTA members could do all they possibly can to sell tickets (ideally 10 tickets each) and publicise the event.

Pete provided all with a "Race Night" order form with a tear-off strip at the bottom with :

Buyer's name, address, phone number.

Number of tickets required.

Indication of number of Fish & Chips Or Sausage & Chips Suppers

Total on Cheque

To be returned to Pete by Monday 3rd July (for final numbers to be calculated) either to Pete's home address, via post, or handed to Pete by 3rd July.

Peter will run the Tote on the night.

Bob will Compere, using the equipment provided by the school (Karl).

There will be 8 or 9 horse races and a couple of pig races.

Pete will ask Claire Cotterill if 6th Formers who received Lourdes donations might be able to come along on the night and help with setting up and putting away tables and chairs and other jobs.

Wine, beer, soft drinks, crisps to be available at the bar. Also Irene will buy some sweets and make up into bags to sell at the bar for the children. Irene to check with the school tuck shop, as to whether we can do a deal with them.

Peter will research best prices at Asda and other supermarkets for alcohol prices. Antoinette has a contact at M&S, Helena, so she will enquire also about best prices. Plastic wine glasses will also be provided – Pete sorting.

Raffle Prizes are much needed – Everyone to ask around. Irene's husband may be able to provide a suitable prize. Pete has malt whisky he can donate.

Quick Summary Of Programme For Race Night – Friday 7th July

Peter needs to know ticket numbers before any stock is bought. Deadline for tickets sold and numbers is latest Monday 3rd July.

6 – 6.30pm PTA & helpers arrive to set up.

Manning

Entrance: Alan

Compere: Bob

Tote: Pete & Catenians / Or 4 Volunteers

Food: Emma & Carol

Bar & Sweets Gavin & Irene

Raffle: Antoinette & Annie
7 – 7.30pm Hair & Beard Cut – Peter

We would be so grateful for the help of any PTA members who were not at the PTA meeting, but are available to help out on the night.

PTA T-Shirts

Pete will research PTA bright yellow T-Shirts & prices so that PTA members can be easily identified at PTA events.

Building Project – Toilets

Peter has had a second quote from a Builder at “Quigley Property Services”. The quote is £38,400.

4. GENERAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Antiques Fair

Will take place at the start of the September term. It will be run as an “Antiques Roadshow” type of event. The organisers are happy to do their own publicity for it.

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 10th July at 7pm.

Venue: “West One Bar” – Hagley Village.