

Lord Deramore's PTA Annual General Meeting

Monday July 4th 2016, 7:00 pm, Kids Cabin

Present:

Kristell Colin, Steph Schmitt, Liz Maxwell, Nora Alden, Ebony Wonnacott, Beate Riedel, Mrs Powley, Mrs McKenna, Ruth Davison, Eszter Ungar, Jaime Casas

Jaime and Eszter announced at the beginning of the meeting that they are stepping down as Joint Chairs and that we need to elect new Joint Chairs. Jaime and Eszter feel that co-chairing has worked out really well and that they were each able to give something different to the role. Jaime and Eszter said that their goals were to raise money for school while creating a sense of community and to strengthen the relationships between the PTA, members of the staff and other parents/carers. We all acknowledged that we are all very grateful for the amount of effort that they have put into running the PTA, liaising with school and the effort and time put into organising and running a huge number of events this academic year.

1. Apologies from:

Lotie Parker, Isabel Jagoe, Sara Barson, Vanessa Greenway, Beverley Scott, Ruth Stevens, Stephanie Raine, Majimcha Nobel de Langue, Geraldine Moncaster, Kate Arnold, Veronica Ongaro

2. Reports on events / initiatives

The events that were held over this year were as follows:

- a. Autumn Term: School Disco, Second Hand Uniform Sale, Halloween Bake Off, Halloween Pumpkins and Pumpkin Walk, Non-uniform Day, Bags 2 School, Christmas Fair, Christmas Cards
- b. Winter Term: Second Hand Uniform Sale, World Book Day (collection of books), World Book Day Activities (Harry Potter Treasure Hunt, Magic Wands and Glasses), Easter Bake Off
- c. Summer Term: 2 x International Movie Nights, Recipe Book, Summer School Disco, Sports Day

As we had discussed the Autumn and Winter Term events in previous meetings, Jaime and Eszter focused on the Summer Term events.

The movie nights were enjoyed by those who attended them, but they were not quite as popular as we thought they were going to be.

We are very happy with the recipe book. It was challenging to collect the recipes, as people are really busy and didn't have the time to submit them, but it was a good collection at the end. Eszter, Lucy Slattery and Jaime collated all the recipes and artwork and printed them.

The recipe book has sold well, and we have broken even. There are still quite a few books left over, so all the copies sold from now on will be profit. The box with the recipe books has been left with Miss Nicholson in the office. It was suggested that we could sell the books when we do another ice cream sale after school. However, it must be noted that the idea of the recipe book wasn't to make money but to get the school community together. Perhaps this Friday (8th July) would be a good idea to sell the recipe books at the end of Outdoor Learning Week.

The School Disco was a great success. Approximately 90 percent of KS2 turned out. The cleaning up afterwards was very efficient. There were a lot of volunteers for the disco and people helped on the spur of the moment even if they hadn't been allocated a job. There was also a variety of different volunteers. Communication has made a great difference i.e. Google Mail groups etc., in securing a large number of volunteers. Downside – we ran out of glow sticks.

Sports Day was a great success. A huge number of people volunteered, so helpers were given 20 minute time slots. There were an amazing number and a fantastic variety of cakes on sale. Everything was sold. In total 22 people volunteered. Thanks to everyone who volunteered and thanks to Beate and Eszter who spent all morning preparing the strawberries amongst other things!

3. Feedback

Jaime and Eszter asked people to give feedback on the work of the PTA, as they feel it is important to be accountable and to take into account other points of view. The feedback received is as follows:

- a. It has been great to see different faces in the events
- b. You kept people informed very well by e-mail and personally
- c. There has been a great mix of events this year. Old ones like the disco are always well-received and new ones like the cookery book and film night were a welcome innovation

4. Financial report

This is the breakdown of the Summer Term events:

The uniform sales this term raised £53.50 in total.

The final figure for sports day was £164.24 profit.

The disco made a profit of £360.20

The recipe book is selling well and should make a profit of £180.54 when they are all sold.

There was also £24.70 profit from the Y6 leaver's gifts.

The PTA has raised a lot money over the academic year. At the end of term, we would have made £3766.94, plus the 170 books (worth well over £1000) that were donated on World Book Day.

We have agreed to put aside some of the money raised over the past year in order to help with resources for the new school. At the last meeting, we agreed to put the money towards a new sound system and piano. Since then, Jaime and Eszter have met with Mrs Powley, and they agreed to postpone buying a piano and to put the money instead towards an audio system as it will be more expensive than first thought. School can claim the VAT back and if purchased in time, KIER will be able to fit it.

We have agreed to increase the provision for the sound system from 3500 pounds to 4500 pounds. The extra 1000 pounds were meant to be for an electric piano.

5. Events proposal for next academic year

- a. Riding Lights are too expensive: it has been suggested that Riding Lights is too expensive. The price has been quite high (£847 in 2013) although this year the price was lowered and we paid £660. We could look at the alternatives to find a cheaper theatre performance or we could put the money towards resources for the new school.
- b. Tea Towels: Tea towels were sold about 5 years ago. Each child drew a picture of themselves and the pictures were printed onto a lot of tea towels and then sold to parents. We felt that this was good to do again as many of the parents who bought the first round of tea towels may have left the school community.
- c. Sell souvenirs from the current building: During the 2 training days in July, Mrs Powley and Mrs McKenna will look around the school to see what they can remove and donate to the PTA so that we can sell it off to parents as souvenirs from the old school building.
- d. Money for outdoor learning week: It was suggested that we contribute towards outdoor learning week next year. It needs £600 to run all the activities.

6. Xmas fair raffle prizes

- a. Big companies like Disney start resourcing donations early in the year. Beate will be happy to write some letters to the big companies in York.

7. Committee - Election of new officers

- a. Bags 2 school. Lotie Parker happy to continue
- b. Second Hand Uniforms. Nora Alden happy to continue
- c. Communications. Isabel Jagoe happy to continue
- d. Xmas Cards. Sara Barson happy to continue
- e. Treasurer. Ruth Davison happy to continue
- f. Chair – This has proved trickier.

Chair or Co-Chairs - Jaime and Eszter have asked around but a lot of people are reluctant to commit. Jaime and Eszter feel that the co-chair role worked well.

In order to help the situation, Eszter said that she is happy to work closely with a new Chair or possibly Co-Chairs advising them and helping them to ensure the continuity of the PTA leadership. We will need to advertise the post and approach a few more parents. There may even be some grandparents who would be happy to volunteer.

It was highlighted that there is a big pool of volunteers to help in events, so hopefully that will make things easier for the Chair or Co-Chairs.

8. AOB

9. Date of next meeting

12th September 7pm

A huge thanks to Jaime and Eszter. All the staff at Lord Deramore's have really appreciated the great relationship that they have had with Jaime and Eszter over the last academic year.