

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Unsworth Primary PTA
Thursday 24th September 2020 at 2pm**

Present: Mr Rhodes (AR, Headteacher), Mrs Hutchinson (AH, Administrator & PTA Secretary), Mrs Wagman (MW, PTA Chair & Parent). Mrs Moran (JM, PTA Treasurer & Parent), Mrs Clarke (RC, Parent), Mrs Carter (LC, Parent), Mr Sherring (SS, Parent)

Apologies: Miss Blinkhorn (Parent), Miss Simpson (Parent), Mr Pistorius (Parent)

1. Introductions

We all introduced ourselves and our roles within the PTA. Mr Rhodes explained that our parents are all automatically members of the PTA and that parents can get involved as much or as little as they like. Our main aims are to raise money for the school and also to organise some fun events and activities for our Unsworth families. It is a challenge this year as some of the events that we usually organise will not be able to take place, or may have to take place in a different way. Mr Rhodes thanked parents for sending in their suggestions for fundraising activities.

2. Purpose of the PTA and its constitution

Mr Rhodes read from the constitution (document available from school) detailing the aims of the PTA, the role of the Officers of the PTA, and the rules for membership.

Mr Rhodes explained that the money the PTA raises is used to pay for extras that cannot be paid from the school budget. An example of this is the Communitree garden which has been funded by the PTA and benefits our whole community.

3. Election of committee for 2020-2021

Mrs Wagman confirmed that she is happy to continue as Chairperson, Mrs Moran will continue as Treasurer and Mrs Hutchinson will continue as Secretary.

4. Report from Treasurer on 2019-2020

JM reported that the current balance in the PTA account is just over £7500. Income last year was £2800, which is down by £2000 mainly because we were unable to have Easter Egg Bingo and Party in the Playground. However we saved money as there were no coaches for school trips to be paid. We found out this week that we have been awarded a Lottery bid of £10,000 to redevelop the edible garden area and create a sensory garden. A local resident has also kindly donated £1000 to the school, which we will also use for this project. Mrs Moran has worked hard on developing the spreadsheets in more detail so that we can start to look at trends. This will help us with planning future events as we will be able to see what has worked well in the past.

5. Fundraising for 2020-2021

The PTA will meet at the beginning of each term to plan events for that term.

School Calendar

This has always been popular on previous years to sell to families on the run up to Christmas. Previous calendars have included photos of the children grouped into the year of their birth month. In order to keep the children in their bubbles this year each class will choose a month and have their photo taken dressed in clothes relating to that month. For the remaining 5

months we will ask the children draw a picture based on our 5 school values of, Happiness, Honesty, Friendship, Respect, Learning. We will have a competition and the winner's pictures will be included in the calendar.

Action: AH to contact John Hunt Photography to confirm photographs to be taken on Friday 16th October after the individuals have been taken.

Zoom Disco

This year instead of our usual Halloween discos it was suggested that we organise a zoom disco! The suggested date for this is Thursday 12th November at a time to be confirmed. We will organise some games and guest teacher appearances and we will sell some home party bags with glow sticks etc.

Non-Uniform Days

These will continue at the end of each half term for a suggested donation of £1 per child. The next date will be on Thursday 22nd October.

Christmas

There were various suggestions for Christmas activities. We could arrange some kind of digital Christmas market. As with our usual Christmas Market each class could make some items which could then be sold via the PTA Facebook page. We could put together a Christmas box or hamper that families could buy with lots of Christmas goodies. Dependant on the success of the zoom disco we could do something similar with a Christmas theme. It was decided that we should meet again after the disco to decide on Christmas activities.

Events for spring/ summer

Easter Egg Bingo – proposed date Saturday 27th March – this could be done virtually if necessary

Party in the Playground – proposed date Sunday 27th June – to be confirmed nearer the time

Other suggestions put forward:

Pumpkin trail – Mrs Carter will look into this

Quiz night

Virtual race night

Afternoon tea event

Paint your own cake activity

Parent/ child camping trip

Community car wash

My Pet Rock Box

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