



Unsworth Primary PTA Meeting - Friday 1st October 2021



Those present: Andrew Rhodes (Headteacher), Alison Hutchinson (Business manager and PTA secretary), Clare Unsworth (Administrator), Meg Wagman (Parent and Chair), Victoria Dearden (Parent) Christina Williams (Parent) , Hayley Simpson (Parent), Neil Kirkley (Parent) Joanne Redmayne (Parent), Farah Kiani (Parent), Linda Carter (Parent), Bev McAuley (Parent)

Apologies: Jane Moran (Parent and Treasurer)

After introductions AR read through the constitution. It was confirmed that Meg Wagman will continue in the role of Chairperson, Jane Moran will continue as Treasurer but sadly will be stepping down after this year. Alison Hutchinson has stepped down as Secretary with Clare Unsworth taking over this role going forward. Linda Carter also put her name forward to be Vice Chairperson.

The Treasurers report noted that total income last year was £11489.96, £10000 of this was awarded from a Community Fund Grant, this money was used to build a new garden area next to the playground for children and families to use as a place to sit and reflect. The PTA contributed £1404 towards the final cost of the project. The PTA managed to raise a total of £715 last year even though we couldn't meet face to face, the Easter egg bingo raised £478 and the pumpkin trail made £57.00. A virtual disco in October collected £117 and general donations brought in £48. So a massive thank you to everyone who helped and donated and thought of alternative ways to raise money during the pandemic.

This year our focus will be to raise money to renovate the school bus on the playground which will become the children's 'imagination station.' The bus will eventually be moved on to the field and be used as an outdoor classroom space. We are also raising money to buy a class set of violins so that all children will have an opportunity to learn how to play when they reach Year 5.

The first PTA event this term will be the Halloween Pumpkin trail which will run during the October half term, it will be a lovely event to raise the community spirit and parents/carers can have fun decorating their windows or doors. You can purchase a map for £1 and take part in the trail with the completed map being entered in to a draw to win a hamper full of goodies.

The next event is our infant and junior discos which are on Thursday 11th November. MW suggested a glow theme and will look into organising a DJ for the events. LC recommended a good DJ who she has used before so will pass the contact on to MW.! We will have a tuck shop where children can bring their own spending money to buy extra glow sticks, drinks and sweets.

The school calendar will also be going ahead with the opportunity for businesses to advertise their services for £50, there will also be an option for parents/carers to 'buy a square' for a small donation which could be a positive message or inspirational quote for their child, we are hoping with lots of personalised squares we can create a 'community calendar'. All the calendars

will be free of charge for parents/carers and extra calendars for grandparents or other family members can also be purchased.

We are also now starting to make plans already for the Unsworth Christmas Market on 9th December. **Do any parents or carers know anyone that would like to have a stall on the day? Does anyone have a contact for Marquee firms? If so, please put them in touch with us!!**

The Easter egg bingo and Party in the playground will also be going ahead later in the year. If anyone has any good ideas for games or can provide a raffle prize, please let us know.

Other fundraising ideas included a cinema night, creating a family recipe book with your favourite family recipes, and possibly another disco event as they are always popular.

Raising awareness of the PTA was discussed as it was felt that a PTA newsletter would be helpful for parents to include information about what our PTA does and what we have bought for the school. BM will help design something creative and NK will help with the wording.

We would also like to make everyone aware that we will be needing a treasurer from next September so if anyone is interested Jane our current treasurer will be more than happy to show you what the role involves.

Lastly if there are any families that work for a bank or a large corporate company that offer match funding please can you get in touch as it makes a massive difference with the money we can raise.

Can we say a big thank you to everyone for continuing to support your PTA! We always welcome offers of help or new ideas for events and activities.

Please contact Meg via Unsworthprimarypta@gmail.com or the school office.

