



Winston Churchill School PTA

Minutes from AGM – Thur 12th Oct 2017

CHAIRS INTRODUCTION

Bill welcomed everyone to the meeting, thanked them for coming, and in particular welcomed new parents attending who will be the future of the PTA.

APOLOGIES

Sue confirmed that apologies had been received from:-

Julie Ballinger, Sarah Proudlock, Jackie Barney, Natalie Greenwell, Emma Hilling, Alex Cooke.

PRESENT

Sue Billingham, Bill Billingham, Julia Wigram, Jane Ware, Vicky Vellidou, Alexander Moschouris, Natalie Cotter, Dan Fisher, Veronica Morley, Trish Goodwin, Teri Fleetwood, Sharon Fogarty, Zoe Johnson-Walker, Ben Hillman, Kathy Guy, Therese James, Am Conway, Shelley Wyatt.

REPORTS

Chair's Report (presented by Bill)

- Bill began by stressing how important it is that we celebrate our successes and achievements.
- Brief review of role/objectives/purpose of PTA – all covered in the “About Us” section of website, which includes our constitution.
- Review of the last year, and how well we have implemented our focus to “Do the things we do, even better”.
- BootSales – Last season all except Oct had been sold out 2 weeks in advance. This season has begun with the Nov BootSale being sold out 4 weeks in advance. Focus now is on increasing Buyer numbers to further boost success of BootSales. Bill thanked everyone who has helped organize and run these events, including Ben, Kathy, Dan, Natalie, Julia, Jane, Therese & Sue.
- School Prom – Another successful event held in July 2017 with great feedback. Bill thanked everyone who had helped make the event such a success for the students, but especially Trish (for ferrying the parents in a minibus), and Sue for leading on the organization of the Prom for the last 3 years.
- Quiz Nights – These are probably the best example of the success of the implementation of our focus. We have moved them on from events which raised approx. £400-£500 each event, to raising in excess of £1100 for each of the last 3 events (£2100 in Sept 2017). This has been as a result of better advertising leading to increased attendance, and a well organized Raffle/Auction. Most important though, has been the excellent collaboration across the PTA Team and the School Staff, and the recent implementation of “Matchfunding” opportunities to boost fundraising. Bill offered a massive thanks to Shelley for her help with this, and also to everyone who has worked so hard to increase the success of our Quiz Nights.



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- Summary of other aspects of our success including, new members from Yr 7/8 parents, success of “Coffee Evenings” and “Cheese & Wine Evening”, increased membership from School Staff, core group of members willing to help with their time and skills, and enhanced PTA procedures and reporting of meetings and events (eg. Kathy’s new PTA Donation Form, and Emma’s communication drafts).
- Bill proposed (and it was agreed) that our focus of “Doing the things we do, even better” should continue, but that we should also be prepared to explore new ideas.
- Bill finished by once again thanking everyone for their contribution over the last 12 months, and in advance for their help over the next year. He then presented a cheque for £15,000 to Zoe from the PTA, from fundraising in 2016/17.

Treasurer’s Report (presented by Julia)

- Julia thanked colleagues who have helped her in her role over the last year, especially Trudy and her team in the Finance Dept. at the School.
- Presentation of finances, including income, expenses and donations, along with current balance.
- This Report will be made available on the PTA Website.

Election of Officers was decided as follows –

Chair – Trish Goodwin (proposed by Ben Hillman, seconded by Julia Wigram)

Vice-Chair – Kathy Guy

Secretary – Am Conway (seconded by Teri Fleetwood) – supported by Shelley Wyatt

Treasurer – Sharon Fogarty (proposed by Bill Billingham, seconded by Sue Billingham)

President – Zoe Johnson-Walker (Head-teacher)

Vice-President – Richard Jennings (Deputy Head-teacher)

Additional committee members:-

All other attending parents agreed to be official committee members.

Special business

There were no Special Business agenda items

AOB

- Date of next meeting confirmed as Tue 21st Nov 2017 at 7.30pm in The Churchill Suite. This will be preceded by Coffee etc served by the Baristas in the Sports Lounge of the Sports Centre.
- Other Actions/Minutes will be documented separately.