

MINUTES

TRINITY C OF E/METHODIST PRIMARY SCHOOL

PARENTS and FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

AGM

21/09/2017 7.30pm | Meeting called by Tracy King

Committee members

Tracy King (Chair) | Julia King (Vice chair) | Kate Moss (Secretary) | Sarah Riggott (Treasurer) | Jo Pollard (Secretary)

Welcome

JK welcomes everyone to the meeting

Chairs Report

TK: Chairs Report

"We are fortunate at our school to have a PFA that is an integral part of the school community. The PFA exists to provide closer links between home and school and it is an excellent way to bring parents and friends together socially in support of the school, working towards a common goal. It is a lot of hard work but also fun too.

As you will all be aware, Lorraine Harrison resigned from the post of Chair in March this year. We thank Lorraine Harrison for all her hard work over the last 6 years

How the Monies Have Been Raised

It has been a busy few months since taking my place as Chair. We kicked off our fundraising campaign with the Easter Bingo event, raising a fantastic £408. Everyone had a fantastic time and we even had a special visit from the Easter bunny!

We supported the school on their school sports day, which turned out to be a lovely sunny day and everyone welcomed the cool refreshments we had on offer! We also popped up at the art fair in support of the NSPCC to serve home bakes, brews and tuck whilst everyone enjoyed the outstanding work on display.

In between all the events we ran 2 tuckshops, after school, with homemade bakes (which went down too well that I had we sold all the cakes I made for the 2 days in one day and spent the next day baking another 70 cakes).

Well, what a fantastic day we had! The Trinity PFA Great British Summer Fair was held on Saturday 8th July in the school grounds. In the biggest ever fair held at the school we raised a staggering £4351.45 to be used to benefit all children in the school over the coming months. From bouncy castles to teddy tombola, afternoon tea to BBQ's and plenty in between, there was something for everyone to do and enjoy! The event arena had a packed schedule of performers from the school choir to the local taekwondo group, Chinese dancers and first aid demonstrations courtesy of Chorley's Angels. who attended to have stalls. The raffle had 25 amazing prizes donated by local companies and those who attended to have stalls. 'Gymworks' were kind enough to run the 'Beat the Goalie' competition, and 'Puddleducks'

sponsored the hook a duck stand! Even Megan the community police support officer and a team of friendly firefighters popped across to join in all the fun of the fair!

We had another delightful event to wrap the summer term up with the school disco, over 350 pupils across the year groups all danced their hearts out and enjoyed having lots of fun with their friends while raising another £615.

What the Monies Have Been Spent On

The money raised by the Parents and Friends Association benefits your children by providing them with resources, equipment and experiences – things that the school might not otherwise have been able to afford such as school trips, play equipment, iPads, tents, yearbooks etc.

Since being formed in March, we have raised five and half thousand pounds.

PFA funds are not generally spent on improving the fabric of the school building as this is the responsibility of the school Governing Body. Our Constitution commits the PFA to spending money on things that will benefit the children directly. The PFA funds are spent on the 'extras' that are not provided by the school's budget, thus making our children's learning experiences so much more fulfilling and exciting. We always endeavour to spend our funds in ways that will benefit all our children across all areas of the school and curriculum.

Not all our events are run as fundraisers for our school. We are a caring community and run events for national charities such as McMillan Coffee Mornings – which is our first event on Friday 29th September. We also helped at the school Art Fair in July to raise money for NSPCC.

Links with Local Businesses

We have, over time, developed strong links with the local community and are always well supported by both residents and businesses, for which we are very grateful. Many of our local shops are very generous providing donations for raffle prizes, auction items and some have taken part in our Summer fair this year. This has made a huge difference to our fundraising efforts and hopefully reciprocated to the community pulling together and supporting their businesses too.

How you can get involved

There are lots of ways you can help and support your child through the PFA.

Offering to help before events or at other times during the year is so valuable. It doesn't matter if you can't help on a regular basis, or even if you can't come into school. There are always jobs that can be done from home. We really couldn't achieve what we do without the behind the scenes help that we receive.

Our strapline is: **Supporting our school, our children and their future**

So, please help us in our journey – Your school and your children need you".

Treasurers Report

SR: Treasurers Report:

See Attached

Election of Officers

KM organises the Election

2 people came forward for the roles, so voting didn't need to take place.

Kate Maughan agreed as Assistant Treasurer

Anna Hill agreed as publicity

Looking Ahead

TK: LOOKING AHEAD!

"We've got a packed schedule of events planned for the next academic year! All the old favourites will be back, together with some exciting new events! There's something for everyone to get involved with too!

We kickstart the new term with a Macmillan Coffee morning, Friday 29th September, with all proceeds going to charity! Get your baking gear out and bring your cake donations for sale.

Heading into October, we'll have an "adults only Quiz Night", so start getting your teams of 6 together now!

The PFA are running the book fair this year. This will take place during the parent's evenings at the end of October. The school bought an extra 250 books last year through parents buying books.

We are also organising the "Xmas4schools" fundraiser which is fantastic way for children to see their artwork in print and for parents to buy truly unique cards and gifts to give this year

We're excited to be hosting our first ever Ladies Night in November, and we've got loads of goodies for you to buy, try and win! We have also got our next open meeting in November as well as organising sponsored bounce to raise money for Children in Need.

And then it'll be Christmas before we know it! The Christmas Fair will be taking place on a Saturday this year for the first time, as voted for by our volunteers and we will be rounding off 2017 with the Winter disco.

So many activities to be organised this term and that is why we need your help. Many hands make light work. Please support us!"

Questions

No questions were asked
