

**LOWER PARK SCHOOL**  
**MINUTES OF PTA MEETING**  
**ON THURSDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2012**

**ATTENDANCE**

8 committee members in attendance.

**APOLOGIES**

Michelle Massey, Nicky Waller, Julie Knight, Debbie Cudley, Justine Thirde, Karen Mathews

**WELCOME**

A welcome from Jenny Rigg in particular to a new member – Susan Horsman-Turner.

**DISCO REVIEW – Wendy Warrington**

We had 89 kids at KS1 disco and 120 at the KS2 disco which was not far out from last time. We were worried that numbers would be down with it clashing with the Beavers bonfire but we think the rain helped with that. Profits were £206.51, slightly down from last time but we did have to buy more. We haven't had any feedback but it seemed to go well.

**FILM NIGHT UPDATE – Julia Grundy**

Ticket sales seem to be going well for KS2 with not many tickets left however KS1 have a lot left but we aren't sure why that would be. We told Mr Coulson that next time we need the tickets printed days before we sell them as Julia needed to number them before the day to cut down on the admin. We need to source some bags to put the snack packs in. We decided to leave the tickets on sale now until Monday to maximise on sales.

**UPDATE ON XMAS FAIR - Jenny Rigg on behalf of Michelle Massey**

We have increased the price of the hampers to £1.50 per ticket.

Wrapping night is on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 8pm

Is there a rota up in the staff room about the cake stall? There isn't but Mr Coulson will mention it at the staff meeting.

Can everyone save newspapers for wrapping night?

Kate has agreed to set up and sort out the children's tombola.

Turkey bingo – Jenny is organising this.

BBQ – we still need to contact Phil Lynch to see if he will still do it and check with Bruce Martin.

Refreshments are all sorted.

Welly wanging – Michelle just has to get the prizes.

Year 6 games/sweets – just need to let Mrs G know what they are doing.

Hook a bag – Michelle to buy prizes next week.

Second hand books – we don't seem to have a lot of donations so we will see if this can go ahead.

Programme of events – 11.15-11.45 choir/12.00-12.30 band, 12.45 brass band.

Entrance - £1.50 family, 50p individual. Fast track entrance by Mrs Hughes's classroom.

Grotto – Mr Coulson confirmed that his friend is ok to do it. Santa tickets to go on sale from Monday.

Advertising – Karen is on top of this. We already appear in inside Poynton, she's still chasing Poynton Post and the posters are going in the village this weekend. The week before the banner will be going on the corner of Hazelbadge Road. The usual collection posters are going out each week but if anyone sees any out of date ones please can they pull them down.

Crafts – Andrea is on the ball with this and is happy to work the stall on the day.

Helper letters – going out on Monday.

Helper Rota – will be in the playground from Tuesday.

Setting up – please can people come on Friday to help set up and bring a Hoover on the day for clearing up.

Gazebo's – got one from Julia and one from the cleaner – who needs a bottle of wine.

Charcoal – can people look in their sheds to see if they have any spare bags.

Programmes – should be on sale next week for fast track entrance.

Raffle prize – Camelot have gone bust so we can't use the tickets are 1<sup>st</sup> prize. Decided to buy an iPod shuffle and an iTunes voucher. We will put a note in the Beacon and send a text to parents.

### **BARN DANCE UPDATE – Jenny Rigg**

Mr Coulson hasn't heard back from the band. Need to look for a new band and speak to Chris Myers as we seem to think he knew one.

### **HEAD TEACHERS REPORT – Mr Coulson**

Thanks for the guillotines – managed to get them cheaper £89 each instead of £150.00.

Thanks for the SEN and Kingswood coach. Receipts can be obtained from Faye.

We need to get the coat hanger decorations in and get the Christmas tree sorted – which we think is in Michelle's loft.

The Hollies have asked if they can have some stalls at our fair as they struggle for helpers. It was decided that we also struggle for helpers and that their stalls would eat into our profits because people only spend a set amount at a fair.

Due to the massive cuts we will have a financial crisis in the next financial year. We agreed to allocate £1000 to equipment for the yard with it being part of the schools plan for improved playgrounds that they can no longer achieve due to the budget cuts. The playground equipment will be bought out of school budget but the money will need to be replaced by the PTA by the end of the financial year. We should be ok for this considering the upcoming events. We may have to buy less books to fund the playground.

### **LOTTO Draw – Julia Grundy**

October draw

1<sup>st</sup> Place – 10 Nicola Durban

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – 83 Julie Knight

3<sup>rd</sup> Place - 18 Rita Evans

### **AOB**

#### Donation

Mr and Mrs Waring donated their Lotto winnings back to the PTA so Jenny has sent them a thank you letter.

#### Northbrook Wrapping Paper

We have had 38 orders, 160 items. Totalled £560.00 spend so we will get £123.00 profit. It's a bit down on last year but up on previous years. The only issue was that they printed the wrong details for who the cheques were payable to so we are hoping that the bank will accept them if not school will have to bank them and then reimburse us.

#### Night out

It was decided that we didn't have time to arrange a night out this side of Christmas. Agreed on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January – email to follow.

#### Christmas Fund Raiser

Raised £426.18 – a lot better than last year. Well done and thank you to Wendy.

#### **Next Meeting**

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November.

**Julia Grundy**  
**PTA Secretary**