

MINUTES OF GRYFFE HIGH SCHOOL PTA

MONDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2011

PRESENT

Peter Holsgrove, Angela Paterson, Laura Bone, Phyllis Semple, Amanda Gane, Liz Cotton, Wendy Anderson, Sheila McHarg, Evelyn Quigg, Calum Lovett, Susan Brown, Dorothy McAllister and Heather Palmer

APOLOGIES

Margie Shields

MATTERS ARISING

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes were looked over and approved

CORRESPONDENCE

We received a thank you card from Caroline Watt in response to the cheque she received from the 100 club.

EASTER RAFFLE

Calum discussed why it took the council so long to return the lottery licence to us. There seems to be a new system in place and that caused some delay. They also will now require us to let them know of any raffles held within the school (including the 100 club) and let them know a list of all the winners within a period of 60 days. We now have the licence and Calums name will be printed on them. We will have to reapply within a set time frame on a yearly basis.

The prizes we have so far include an I Pod Touch, a 4 ball at Kilmacolm Golf Club, dinner for two at The Weir Restaurant in Bridge of Weir, Cinema voucher for 2 adults and 2 kids, leather bag from Semples and Henderson Kilt Hire. A few local businesses were happy to donate an item to the raffle but would require a letter headed note from the school to confirm. Peter said he would organise this. In all we have around 15 prizes which should be more than enough. So it was decided that no hamper would be required. Angela will organise the tickets now and these may take up to a week to be delivered. The S2 Parents Night is on 17th of March and it was suggested that it may be a good opportunity to sell some extra tickets then. It was also suggested that a prize could be offered to the pupil who sells the most tickets. Maybe the cinema voucher could be use for this purpose. Any extra tickets taken from the school office by the children would have to be logged. The draw should take place within school on 30th of March.

ZUMBATHON

Nothing new to discuss

QUIZ NIGHT

Original date was Friday 3rd of June. This would clash with a volleyball tournament that the school are hosting so it was felt that we should change the date to Friday 10th of June. The school would still be the venue and Peter would have to organise a let.

SPRING CONCERT

It was asked if we could sell raffle tickets at this event and Peter said he would check with the Music Dept.

LADIES NIGHT

A small sub-committee would be required to organise this event. No firm date was set but Sheila, Susan and Laura said they would be happy to look into planning this event for later in the year.

PREVIOUS FUNDRAISING IDEAS

A Burns Supper is something that Mr Johnson would be very happy to see return to the school calendar. It would be something that would involve the 6th Year and could be looked at later in the year.

The "Ready Steady Cook" nights that were previously discussed by Liz are something that is likely to go ahead and Liz will e mail the committee with all the details.

Peter had no new information from the Pupil Council but will discuss with them and report back if they have any fundraising ideas.

PTA WEBSITE

Calum is still liaising with Barry and Stephen Hedges and will supply any relevant information to them.

TEASURERS REPORT

Sheila said that there is still some £400 of un cashed cheques.

The balance is currently £2396.45

WISH LIST

Peter had some requests as follows,

Physics Department need some generators costing £273.90

Chemistry Department required equipment and requested £299.00. It was noted that they had already raised £200.00 themselves.

Biology Department required monitors and equipment costing £244.00

Business Studies Department required 49 course notes for use by 1st Year costing £269.60

History Department required text books as they needed updated versions costing £645.48 (66 books)

We wondered if the discount offered by Hodder and Gibson would apply to the books requested and it would be checked by Peter ASAP. If the school can purchase the books themselves cheaper a cheque would be sent directly to the school. The History Department request for 66 books could not be fully funded as funds would not allow, so a cheque for the purchase of 33 books would be forwarded.

All the requests were approved and funding granted.

STARTER PACKS

Laura suggested the possibility of the school supplying a “starter pack” for the new 1st year intake. This would comprise a calculator, English Dictionary, Geometry set and tie. (Suggested items) Since the Primary 7 induction evening is on the 19th of May it was felt we should have a meeting to finalise this so agreed a small meeting could be held on WEDNESDAY 27TH OF APRIL to discuss.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 16th of May at 6.30pm this will also include the AGM.