



HEADINGTON QUARRY PTA

Meeting Minutes – 13th March 2015

1. Present

Fleur (chair), Kate (co-secretary) Marie (co-secretary), Debbie (treasurer), Linda, Julie, Caroline, Gena

2. Apologies

Kelly, Emma

3. PTA Cake Sale

A big thank you to everyone for the generous support of the recent cake sale. It raised £211.35 which was a wonderful outcome.

4. Curry & Quiz night

The Curry & Quiz night on 28th February was a fantastic evening. 42 tickets were sold and we've had great feedback about the event. The food from Aziz restaurant was excellent and we had great service from Oxford Event Hire.

Chris and Marie did a brilliant job writing the quiz questions and Chris excelled himself as quiz master. Linda and Kelly worked incredibly hard serving drinks and clearing up all evening behind the scenes – grateful thanks to them all.

We all agreed the event went very smoothly. Improvements for next year would be a cordless mic for the quiz master. Also last minute ticket sales put a pressure on the food quantities, we need to insist all tickets are purchased by the Thursday before the event next time.

5. Easter egg raffle

Donation boxes are now at the entrances. We need to put a poster up – Kate will look to see if she has an old one, otherwise Emma will create one for us. Raffle tickets will need to be on sale for the week before the draw which will take place on Thursday 26th March from the office. We will need volunteers to sell tickets at drop off and collection times.

6. Bring & Share lunch – Saturday 16th May, 11.30-1.30pm

Fleur will write a letter about the Bring & Share lunch to go out after the Easter holidays. Kate will speak to Lisa Crook and see if we can get contact details for the Morris Men. Helpers boards, craft suggestions and other items will be organised nearer the event

We discussed the fact that every year we purchase large quantities of disposable plates and cutlery for this event and the suggestion was raised that we might buy reusable plates using PTA funds. Everyone agreed that this would be better environmentally and would have a cost saving long term. Ikea do cheap colourful plastic plates and cutlery. Debbie will look into the costs and report back but we all agreed to go ahead and purchase them before the Bring & Share lunch. Quantity for plates and cutlery – 300.

7. End of year party – Saturday 4th July

The hall, face painter and entertainer are all booked. Kate will amend the previous year's poster and tickets nearer the time. We'll go ahead with the snack bags again as they were a hit last year.

8. Any other business

As fundraising has gone well so far this year, we discussed whether Lesley might have anything she'd like to purchase for the school. We agreed to make a donation of £500 to the school to enable Lesley to buy some things the school currently needs.

Linda had a form for Asda's Nominate a local cause. She thought it might be different to the one Emma had at a previous meeting. She will pass it on to Emma to look at. Kate will fill out a form for the Waitrose Community Matters scheme.

Gena voiced her concerns about the traffic issues and dangerous driving in Quarry Hollow / outside the school. She has been in touch with Victor, a community policeman who has stood outside the school a number of times recently. She has also been in touch with the council, Cllr Roz Smith and the Friends of Quarry. The council's criteria for action is a fatal accident which no one wants to see happen.

Signage requires planning permission (the school is listed and in a conservation area) and research has shown it has little impact. Speed bumps are the most effective solution but the council says it has no spare money – they cost around £7000 each.

We discussed how we might join forces to add weight to the campaign. We agreed that the PTA would back Gena's campaign with letters to go out at school and hopefully to Windmill and St Andrew's parents too as the risk affects many at those school's too. It would be good to have a contact at the council we can email / write to and express our concerns. Gena has offered to write a letter that we can then share with Lesley and with her approval, with parents at Quarry and elsewhere.

9. Date of next meeting

In the Community Room at 9.15am on Friday 1st May.