

Minutes of meeting held 22nd June 2011
Derby Grammar School PTA

1. Present

T. Morley, I. Louch, R Paine, P. Hilliam, J Belton, M. Lacey, J. Thomas, K Gezi, J Scotcher, C Bruce.

2. Apologies

P. Staley, K Bigland, C Collie, J Skeates, C. Bramall, C. Phipps, B Illott,

Minutes of meeting held 8th June accepted as a true record.

3. Matters Arising:

3.1 Year reps. Tim brought up the subject of having pictures of the year reps on the web site so new parents and existing can find who they need to talk to with ease. Julia Belton is going to discuss with the year reps as to whether or not they are would feel comfortable to do this.

3.2 School web site. Tim also asked if the school would put up photos of members of staff on the web site. This would be a great help to parents who don't manage to get into school often to know who are teaching their children.

3.3 Summer house. Mr Hilliam, Miss Jameson and Tim met to look at the inside of the summer house to see what work needs to be done. Some work has been carried out by the school, some external wood work has been replaced and the roof has been repaired. An amount of wood work needs to be done to the inside of the roof. The floor needs to be removed totally and replaced as well as some work to the walls and windows. This is a big project and the PTA feels that it is a project that will need to be done over time when several quotes have been gathered, this said the PTA are happy to help fund repairs.

3.4 Scenery for school productions. The drama staff have requested new scenery for the stage. The PTA have asked for an idea of price for the scenery. School have looked at prices of what they require, the prices are very high so drawings with dimensions need to be produced of what is required so that a few quotes from local joiner firms can be obtained for comparisons.

3.5 Bike racks, Hard court and the changing room cabins where also discussed.

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4 School Business

4.1 Recognition award. The committee has considered several trophies from Glass paper weights to larger Silver cups. The picture shows the final choice. The trophy is 230mm high. The cost is £78 which will include some of the engraving cost. The top face will contain the school crest and have Derby Grammar School PTA Recognition Award. The recipient's name and the year will be engraved on the sides.



4.2 Advertising events outside school. This subject was brought up at the last meeting which left no time to consider the option before the Summer Fete. General thoughts were that events held at night should not be advertised off school grounds because of having people who are not involved with school wandering around the school grounds in the dark. For future Summer Fetes it was felt to open the school to the general public and invite them in with a small charge on the gate would not only raise a little money but give locals who perhaps see and hear the School every day the opportunity to come into School and see what the Grammar School is about. In the future the Summer Fete should be advertised with a sign at the end of the School drive the week prior to the Fete.

4.3 Summer Fete Summary The Summer Fete was attended well this year, a good variety of stalls with some new ones. Staffords of Littleover were used for 200 Burgers and 250 sausages ordered, all burgers sold about 50 sausages left over so to reduce sausages slightly next year. £245 paid. The BBQ should be set up and lit when it is delivered as when it was first lit it did not work properly. The Bouncy Slide, Bungee and Gladiator games were used again, these are considered to be a good crowd pullers especially for the younger visitors. Some new attractions should be investigated for older visitors although price will have to be a major consideration. A huge thanks to all who helped out on the day and special thanks for Peter Collie for making the new stocks! The House honours were taken by Derby Yr7, 2nd place goes to Bemrose Yr 7 with the Stocks taking 3rd place. The day has raised £1702 profit so far, some more money in due in yet.

4.4 Clarion Call Tim mentioned that the Summer Fete was supposed to have been announced using the Clarion system but it didn't happen. Mr Hilliam assured the meeting it should have but was forgotten.

5. Financial Report

Current balance as of 22nd June 2011 - £7829.61

6. Future Events

6.1 Junior School Play on 30th June: Tim and Jill will set up the bar ready for the Junior School play, Mrs Bruce has suggested the PTA could sell raffle tickets on the night as there are good raffle prizes available. Tickets will be available with prizes on view at the door.

6.2 Cross Country event 3rd September. Volunteers will be required for this event to help serve tea and coffee and handing out bacon rolls. To be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

6.3 Jazz Night. 1stth October The Jazz night will be discussed at the next meeting. A poster needs to be prepared and put up on the web site and on the notice board.

6.4 Ladies indulgence evening, 2nd December: There will be over 15 stalls selling luxury items that appeal to women such as jewellery, shoes, bags, make-up and there will also be various beauticians offering 20 minute treatments such as manicures, pedicures, Indian head massages, False eye lash fixing. These treatments will be bookable in advance. Tickets will be £5 which includes a welcome drink and these must be bought in advance. Stall holders will be requested to donate £25 or 10% of their sales whichever is the greatest. They will also be asked to donate a prize to the raffle. It was also discussed that in order to attract ladies with no connection to the School that we donate 10% of our profits to a charity. Julia suggested Kidney Research. Julia to email Year Reps to ask them to help find stallholders.

6.5 School Calendars. This year the calendar will feature pictures of the School grounds, events and sporting fixtures. Mike Lacey and Jenny Thomas to organise the calendar. Julie Scotcher to pass last year's calendar folder to Mike asap. The plan is to have the calendar available for sale by the start of the Autumn Term so that we can sell as many as possible ready for Christmas. If anyone has any contacts who may like to sponsor a month in the calendar please contact Mike or Jenny asap.

6.6 Event ideas Due to time this was not discussed any further

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If you would like to get involved with the PTA please come along to a meeting or contact a member of the PTA to discuss what you could do for the PTA. Any amount of involvement would be a great help, even if you are only able to help at the odd event please get in touch.

Dates of upcoming meetings,

6th July

31st August. To agree the changes to constitution

2nd November Fireworks preparation.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm. Next meeting to be held 6th July.

Reminder.

Tim Morley has announced that after 3 years as chair of the PTA he will be stepping down at the AGM in October, there may well be other positions in the PTA to fill at the AGM so if anyone would like to get involved with making a difference for the pupils and School please come to a meeting and see what we do! If any members of the existing PTA are thinking of stepping down from position of office or would like to have their name put forward for a particular position please speak to Tim so we are prepared.