**Woodley C of E School PTA AGM**

**Tuesday 20th October 2020**

**Attendees:**, Amy Hardy, Esther Coomer, Jane Von Benecke, Helen Simmons, Nina Goulden, Jonathan Harris, Matthew Hobbs, Martyn Cantale, Cristina Vicente, Samantha McMahon, Sally Whiting, Venu Siddojigari, Hannah Humphreys, Sarah Gover, Lindsey Claydon, Paula Alderman, Kelly Lambert, Michelle McInnes, Steffie and Eddie Cheung, Joanne Watson, Aimee Whatling, Frances Weeks, Anum Ajmal Khan, Samantha and Jonathan Harris, Muhammad Khan, Andrea Cantale

**Apologies:** Rosalind Bonner, Louise Behan, Rachel Young, Caroline Judd

**Chairs Welcome and Report – Esther Coomer**

Thank you to everyone for their support. Very positive attendance and great to see so many new parents.

Since our last AGM, the PTA have purchased a Sum Up card reader which has been welcomed by parents.

The PTA have made a big donation towards Learning resources, Read Write Inc and Accelerated Reader programmes, now all rolled out.

In the last year, the PTA have raised funds through a disco, dress down day, bags 2 school, second hand uniform sales, cake sales and the largest fund raiser being the Christmas Fair. The PTA have also run a Krispy Kreme doughnut sale for the first time which was success. Fund raising was going well until March, when everything went on hold (inc large events such as Easter Egg Trail and Summer Fair) due to Covid19 lockdown.

During lockdown, Michelle McInnes suggested a launching a Go Fund Me page for parents to donate monies they may have spent on some of our missed events (Summer Fair, Easter Trail etc). The Go Fund Me Page was a huge success and raised £1562. There have been some very generous donations received which got a particular mention and thanks from the PTA.

Due to Covid restrictions, the PTA have looked at alternative ways to fund raise, such as working with companies who will donate a percentage of their business to our school for sales. We are now affiliated with Forever Living (Priscilla Greener’s Skin and Health care), Chocoholics, and Jewellery from Caroline Judd and Sharkie and Bear. All companies cawill be added to the PTA website page and are promoted on our Parents and Careers facebook page.

The PTA have also registered with Amazon Smile and Easyfundraising which give the school commission for purchases through these sites.

Matched funding continues to be a massive help in the last year and a thank you goes to James Fry and Scott Claydon who support this. A list of matched funding companies is on the PTA website page.

**Election of the Committee**

With the exception of Ros Bonner (Treasurer), who has decided to step down from the role, all other committee members were happy to remain in their current positions. Mrs Gurney, Mrs Thomas and Mr Blakely sent on their personal thanks to Ros for all her hard work.

The Treasurer role was discussed and Jonathan Harris put himself forward as the next Treasurer to take over from Ros and was elected in the meeting.

Mrs Gurney requested that the PTA work with keen PTA supporters to shadow certain roles on the committee for future succession planning. Michelle McInnnes expressed interest in shadowing and getting more involved.

The election of the Committee:

Joint Chair – Amy Hardy and Esther Coomer (proposed by Sarah Gover and Michelle McInnes)

Vice Chair – Jane Von Benecke (proposed by Helen Simmons and Amy Hardy)

Treasurer – Jonathan Harris (proposed by Amy Hardy and Sarah Gover)

Secretary – Helen Simmons (proposed by Esther Coomer and Sarah Gover)

**Treasurer’s report by Ros Bonner**

During the 19/20 financial year, the PTA raised a total of £6839.91. This was well below our previous annual totals as many events were cancelled or postponed due to Covid-19.

The largest fund raiser by far was the popular Christmas fair which raised £4871.95. This benefitted from advertising and sponsorship from local businesses. We are fortunate enough to receive yet another significant amount of match funding, £1252.19 from Microsoft via Scott Claydon and James Fry.

Regular PTA events included a disco raising £587.60, cake sales £454.97, Bags2School £139.20, Christmas cards £191.10 and uniform sales £74.64.

New initiatives this year saw the party box hire make £55, Waitrose token collections £275, Stikins labels commission £82.53 and a donut sale £122.83

The PTA have donated a total of £20,538.27 to the school this year for their Read Write Inc and Accelerated Readers programs.

So far in the 20/21 financial year, the PTA have raised £1,995k this year (majority due to Go Fund Me) and today there is £12,000 in the account.

**Website update – Amy Hardy**

The PTA Page of the school website is being updated and will soon include…

* Recycling
* Stikins
* Events Calendar
* Dates for the diary
* How can you (parents) help
* Forms for future events
* Links to Amazon Smile, Amazon Wish List, FB page, Eco FB page Local business affiliation?
* Info/photos of past events
* Photos of purchases made with PTA funds raised
* Matched Funding-photo of the companies involved

**School Uniform - Esther**

Thanks to Jessica Wright who has managed to sell the majority of uniform with Logo’s. There is a lot of none logo uniform left. It was agreed these could go to First Day’s charity.

**Mrs Gurney**

Thank you to everyone on the PTA and to all supporters for continuing to look at ways to fund raise during these challenging times, when many school PTA’s have not. PTA money is more important than ever, as all self-generated income (from lets etc) had to be stopped this year so all money raised is vital.

**Recycling - Hannah Humpreys**

Teracycle - For the benefit of new parents, Hannah explained the Teracycle scheme and how for the last 18 months we have been part of the crisp and pringles scheme. We have raised 18472 units of waste so far. Not only has our efforts stopped a lot of crisp packets going to landfill, it has raised £150 for the school (paid in June, for every 15 units). Hannah plans to do the next collection on 6th November and will add more information to the PTA page on recycling.

Party box for hire – Contains 30 plates, cups, bowls, 2 jugs, platters in each box available for hire. Has been hired out twice so far, but obviously not being taken up currently.

**Upcoming events**

* Non-School Uniform Day - **15th October** (Raised £310)
* Crispy Crème Donut Sale - **23rd October** (Raised £219)
* Crisp collection for Terracycle - **6th November**
* Cookbook and colouring competition in school - **5th and 6th November** collect entries
* Tea Towels in hand within school – **November to order**
* Bags for School organised by Liz Sainsbury - **November 18th**
* Christmas Trail **– 1st December throughout late December**. Woodley’s will sponsor with sale boards (paying £250) which will go up around the trail on the Airfield. Maps will be available to download and a link to the Go Fund Me page will be promoted. PTA will commence asking for addresses for boards before half term.

Movember - Scott Claydon will grow beard during November and hopefully get matched funding on sponsorship raised.

Lottery – Mrs Gurney confirmed that following discussions with the Governors and Leadership Team, they see no reason why this couldn’t go ahead. Helen and Nina will start the planning with Your School Lottery.

Raffle - Considering doing a raffle (without tickets), selling entries under the apple tree in the last week of November. Would manage donations locally to make up some small hampers and hopefully there should be a small cash prize. Samantha Harris highlighted potential licence problem with doing a raffle if not ‘doing an event’. Helen and Nina to discuss with Samantha and agree way forward.

**Year Reps**

Foundation - Andrea Cantale

Year 1 - Sarah Gover

Year 2 – Kelly Lambert

Year 3 – Nina Goulden

Year 4 – Amy Hardy

Year 5 – Paula Alderman

**Next PTA Meeting**

Virtual Meeting worked well and enabled more attendees to attend. PTA to propose dates to school for next meetings due in November and January.