

MINUTES

Lymm High School PTA

Date: Monday 10 June 2024

Chair: Kerry Spink and Clare Martin **Treasurer:** Jo Cope

In Attendance

Kerry Spink (KS, Co-chair), Jo Cope (JC, Treasurer), Gwyn Williams (GW, LHS Head), Helen Davison (HD), Louise Hassell (LH), Nicola Storey (NS), Fiona Hutchinson (FH), Kirsty James (KJ), Rachel Hinds (RH), Cerys Shadwell (CS), Daniela D'Andreta (DD).

Apologies

Clare Martin, Kirsty Holden, Natalie McGillivray, Emma Roberts.

Welcome/ Minutes / Matters Arising

KS welcomed everyone to the meeting. The minutes were read and accepted.

Chair & Treasurer Update:

- c.£14,500 funds currently in PTA account. Around £12-13,000 to allocate to school funding bids.
 - Last year, PTA's biggest allocations were to Performing Arts, PE and DT.
 - Party night (at Lymm Golf Club) – profit made (£862 profit after costs/fees) and fun night but initial struggle with ticket sales compared to quiz night held at school. 75 people attended – lower numbers than expected (100). Would need bigger/better raffle prices & weigh up cost/benefit analysis if to run a similar 'big ticket' event in future.
 - JC has kindly offered to stay on as Treasurer for an additional year.
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Faculty funding requests

GW/NM collated funding bids from school departments and provided these to PTA for discussion. We were very pleased to be able to support the following funding requests:

Faculty	Item funded by PTA	Amount
Maths/STEM	Purchase of IQ Competition Kits (robot and programming apps) to support an additional girls' team to enter robotics competition this year with VEX robotics.	£725
Music	Purchase a modular synthesiser – enable an audio synthesis club at school and enhance hands on experience using electronic synthesis technology for students from y7 to y13.	£799
Maths	Mathwatch app subscription to support exam revision, support for pupils on 'study plus' course, post exam support for target areas, support our 'closing the gaps' programme at KS3 and support more vulnerable learners with independent work.	£600
IT	4 sets of VR headsets that are compatible with smart phones to use in Coding Club.	£144

Visual Arts	Photography equipment (£400) and 2 light wands (£40 each) to enhance the lunch time/after-school enrichment offer, allow more students to join workshops with photographers, animators and filmmakers.	£480
DT	Purchase of (faster) 3D Printer to meet growing demand/increase access and allow students more time to experiment, iterate, and fully engage with their projects (creative/enterprise).	£499
PE/interhall	Pickle ball equipment (8 nets and 8 sets of bats) – available across school	£1,500
Maths	Replacement of mini whiteboards - used in all classes. 15 class sets of A4 whiteboards at an approximate cost of £600.	£600
	Total	£5,347

- A funding request from the Performing Arts Department was discussed. The bid was for a residential rehearsal weekend at Tynny in September at a total cost of £12,000 for 30-50 students. The PTA decision was not to fund the trip and it was agreed that PTA funds should not be used to fund trips as a rule. It was agreed that the Performing Arts Department can put in a late bid for a smaller amount of funding.
- **Action:** PTA add to AGM agenda further clarification of funding eligibility – i.e. capital equipment, events to encourage widening participation, trips.

Fundraising for academic year 2023-24

High Legh Sunday Teas (16th June, Father's Day)

Have volunteers for baking and on the day which is great. RH has set up a WhatsApp group for volunteers. Advertising on Facebook page. Needs support to promote so people are aware and will come and buy on the day. Petty cash/SumUp/iPad sorted. New event for LHS PTA.

Action: DD to promote locally in High Legh.

Lymm transport day (23rd June)

DD, NM & husband volunteered. Contribution of around £100 per volunteer, must give 3 hours between 9am-5pm. Lots of different roles.

Bar at Lymm festival events (25th June)

CM & ER to organise and looking for volunteers. KS has applied for alcohol license. KS updated stocktake sheet after quiz night – up to date but buying needed.

Action: LH to undertake stock check/buying.

Summer concert (10th July) & Matilda (15-17th July)

Action: KS to apply for alcohol license. **Note:** contact CS re quote from sweet/chocolate wholesaler (Handcocks).

Doughnut day (date tbc)

Action: RH to scope possibility of donations from Asda and local shops, i.e. Sextons.

Action: Set date - October (last Friday of school term) or possible July option.

**NEXT MEETING: AGM – IN PERSON at LYMM HIGH SCHOOL
MONDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER, 6.30PM.**

We would very much welcome new and existing parents coming along to this meeting. It's a lovely group and we have a lot of fun fundraising for school and being involved in the wider school community.

Please feel free to come along if you'd like to find out more about what we do.