

MINUTES

Lymm High School PTA Meeting

Date: Monday 08 November 2021 (by Zoom)

Chair: Helen Johnson

Minutes: Kirsty Holden

In Attendance

Helen Johnson (HJ), Kirsty Holden (KH), Kirsty James (KJ), Gwyn Williams (GW), Natalie McGillivray (NM), Sarah Coke (SC), Rigel Allan (RA), Jane Norton (JN), Jane Bailey (JB), Nicola Toop (NT), Clare Martin (CM), Kerry Spink (KS), Emma Roberts (ER), Clare Gillen (CG)

Apologies

Nicola Storey, Louise Hassall

Welcome

HJ welcomed everyone to the meeting

Minutes / Matters Arising

The minutes were read and accepted.

Reports

Head Teacher's Report:

1. Since half term the situation with Covid has been promising and there has only been one case in the school this week. Infections were a lot higher before half term but there has been good uptake of the vaccine and it is thought this is helping reduce infections. There is still more staff absence than usual due to staff's own families and children affected by Covid but more pupils are in school, as since the start of term, close contacts no longer need to be sent home.
2. Students have been amazing since September. The year 7 pupils have settled in well and year 11 students have been working hard.
3. This year there is a focus on PSHE and parent support. Last half term, school hosted an "It Happens" event on Zoom and will be running a mental health evening next week. Sessions on drugs and further "It Happens" events are planned for later in the academic year.

Chair's/Treasurer's Report:

The PTA currently has ~£14,000 within its two accounts. Running the bar at the Eddie the Eagle event earned the PTA a £166 profit after subtraction of £135 expenses.

Fundraising

Year 7 social event

Cancelled due to bad weather forecast and inability to hold event indoors due to Covid.

Eddie the Eagle event (Team: NS, NM, ER, CM, KJ)

A real team effort with different members buying the refreshments and bringing them into school, setting up and manning the bar. JN applied for the alcohol license; a member of staff spoke to the team on the night and suggested he held a license, which may mean we don't need to apply for a license for other events so long as he is present – worth finding out more about this for the next event. £166 profit made and some stock still available for future events.

PTA Zoom Quiz (ER and CM with NM helping with school contacts), 19th November 2021

Mentioned that the tennis club are running a quiz the same night. Fewer than 10 tickets sold so far, donations on JustGiving – give sales another week and then make a decision on whether to cancel. Suggestion to advertise on School Gateway and also to email attendees from last event to advertise directly to them. A very good prize donated by photographer Andrew Collier, if not enough tickets are sold maybe move prize to a bigger event.

In person curry night quiz hosted in school targeting year 7/8 parents (Team: KS, CM, ER, RA), 3rd/4th February

Catering team in school to provide curry. NM to ask Mr Timms to help. KS to set up a What's App group for planning team. John Hayes to host quiz.

Band night (Team: KH, ER, SC, HJ, JB, KJ), 26th March 2022

Golf club provisionally booked, some Covid restrictions but can still host ~80. Plan to invite local bands to play. KH to set up Whats App group for planning team. Perhaps link to Lymm Radio and have some element of Grease to link to school production?

Amazon Smile

Set up and working, to be promoted regularly on social media and school PTA communications to encourage parents to sign up.

Funding

1. Request for funding to help Lymm Radio/6th form collaboration – money to purchase a microphone isolation shield to improve sound quality of value ~£40. PTA agreed to fund.
2. Agreement to discuss focus for fundraising further at PTA meeting in New Year.

AOB

KJ asked if school have an EcoLead = NT and John Hayes.

KH mentioned offer from LH by email to organise calendars for next academic year, perhaps run a competition and include artwork from students for each month.

Next meeting: Monday 10th January 2021