

## Minutes – PTA 18.01.18

- Welcome – Elaine Melville, Anne Lapsley, Ruth Walker, Fiona O’Reilly, Mrs. Forster, Alex Pritchard, Sarah Gallier, Sylvia Campbell & Deborah Johnson
- Apologies – Kirsty Henry
- Looking back –
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform sale, jumper swap, gift wrap, etc – about £28
  - Christmas shopping night - £968 on the actual night;
  - Card sales after costs made a profit of £950;
  - Christmas trees - £631- we gave out twice the number of flyers. We didn’t give out 1 in every bag. There were flyers in school office, shop & garage. They were also advertised on the PTA & Fossoway Forum FB pages. There is still more scope in selling more Christmas trees. The Christmas trees were great and they all appreciated it. The Christmas cards were all commented on. Mrs. Forster suggested we could use the photo of the Christmas tree donated to the school to be put on the Christmas cards for next year.
  - Sainsbury’s bag pack. £341.11 – people were very generous and it is a new audience.
- Looking ahead
  - Kinross-shire Fund – Mrs. Forster mentioned about this fund. This funding qualifies for outdoor equipment just for the school. The deadline for submission of the application is Mon, 5<sup>th</sup> Feb. Options to be considered are:
    - i. Andrew Bowman – Elaine to speak to Andrew Bowman & get back to us latest by Thu, 25<sup>th</sup> Jan.
    - ii. We had previously priced Rugby goal post, football goals. Deborah will pass on info to Sylvia for these prices to go on the application form.
    - iii. Benches to sit on with metal cuffs – Sarah Gallier to get prices from website to pass on to Sylvia. We will be looking at pricing 12 benches.
  - Event for Feb – Elaine suggested a Body shop evening on 10<sup>th</sup> Feb @ Marco’s.
  - Mrs. Forster enquired if the PTA could help with tea and coffee on the Maths workshop & open afternoon – 29<sup>th</sup> Jan
  - Elaine mentioned she will be happy to organise an Adults disco – 80’s disco in Easter holidays
  - Mrs. Forster enquired about PTA paying for the assessment of the ‘Rights Respecting Schools Award.’ PTA agreed that we would go half-ers with Parent Council, if they were happy to.
  - Scottish Govt. are investing £2million in Scottish libraries. In 2018/19 there is £450,000 to avail from to improve library facilities in schools. Sarah Gallier is going to look into how we can get funding for Fossoway PS specifically.
  - Event for Mar – 12<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> is the parent’s night. Fiona suggested doing an Easter egg hunt, a bit like the scarecrow hunt? Put pictures of Easter eggs – opportunity to do a trail with an anagram from the letters that they find. Perhaps they could do their own Easter egg that they can put outside their house for people to find.
  - Gardening – Deborah updated us on the email from Amanda – there is £500 gardening fund available from Royal horticultural society – for green spaces. We need to fit the remit. There needs to be a storyline; has to involve different generations. We have got till 14<sup>th</sup> Feb to avail this. We could maybe get planters to transform the waiting area. Deborah’s sales pitch: “we would like to do a soup

calendar – having made use of the herbs, different generations to come in and share the soup recipes, nutritionists come in and tell us the benefits. Deborah is coordinating. All felt this was a good idea.

- Event for May – like the Forth Road Bridge which made over £400 – put out the idea at the parents evening to do a munro walk or another buggy friendly / wheelchair friendly walk on May day. Mrs. Forster mentioned perhaps providing photographs in preparation for children will increase the interests in the children.
- Event for June – End of term disco; Deborah mentioned about subcontracting out the event organising to the Scouts and limit what PTA have to organise. It will be a good event for the community and will raise funds. It will need to go under Parent Council insurance.
- Other items
  - Finance update – bank balance – currently just £6K;
  - Mrs. Forster requested for some more i-pads. Anne Lapsley mentioned about purchasing a camcorder.
  - Fossoway Pre-school – Ruth Walker mentioned about selling items from the pre-school; creating inventory has been a mammoth task; draft version being emailed out. A table that has parts - £25 & welly rack - £50; wobbly bridge - £300; sale on Sat, 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm; pre—sale – next Thu, 25<sup>th</sup> afternoon.
- Date of next meeting – Thu, 1<sup>st</sup> March