

HURST PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION
Dorchester Avenue, Bexley, Kent DA5 3AH
Registered Charity No. 1085946

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 1 November 2016

Present: Tony Linnett, Kerrie Pendry, Katie Goodall, Kerry Pecover, Tina Harre, Debbie Wyeth, Lisa Parsons, Charlotte Sharp, Sam Palmer, Jo Fish-Halvorsen and Maria Dobson

Apologies: Natalie Pace, Liana O'Neill

1 Chair's Report (Kerrie Pendry)

Review of the School Year 2015/16

This has, once again, been a very busy year for the Parents' Association! I want to thank each one of you for donating your time and effort and to Mr Linnett and Mrs Wright for their continued support and assistance.

Like last year, we did not set a monetary target but tried to raise as much money as possible. Our Treasurer can update the finer details but all in we have managed to raise £10,087.

Our year started off with the famous Fireworks Display which brought in a whopping £2,192. This continues to be a popular event with tickets selling out on the gate whilst more people were still trying desperately to get in!

We had hoped to try and organise new and slightly different fundraiser the year by way of a Pamper Evening but due to a number of factors – unfortunately this event was cancelled.

Moving on to Christmas - Our Christmas card initiative once again proved a popular event – and again managed to pull in a healthy £850 profit. Each year the PA run events that are not designed to be profit making but for the benefit and enjoyment of others, as well as creating a good sense of community spirit. The PA donated £500 to the children's Christmas parties as well as donating £500 to the Food Bank and to Albany Park Baptist Church for Christmas lunches.

The December Non-uniform Day funded the revamping of a redundant area (previously a pond) on the KS2 side of the building which has created a much nicer area.

This academic year the long awaited Hurst Bake Sale was resurrected! I think the general consensus was that people had never before seen so many cakes! Thanks to the talented baking skills and contributions of a huge number of people within the school, this event raised £672.

Donations from Sharegift came in at £2,500 this year.

Good weather for Sports Days meant that drinks and ice creams generated a healthy profit of £712.

The popular Inflatables Afternoon once again was enjoyed by all and brought in £1,667 and some new twists on the Summer Fete by adding stalls and a DJ generated £1269. The only minor change to both is that Dennis, on the BBQ, upped his prices and now makes a 50p contribution per burger/hotdog sold.

The Doughnut Sale was run differently this year by taking pre-orders and selling by the box only. This still went down brilliantly and raised £225 profit.

Money raised also helped to fund: leavers' sweatshirts at £1142, eight picnic benches at the total of £3000 and playhouses to the value of £708.

We would like to thank everyone who has contributed their time and or skills to help us at an event this last academic year. We value highly all the support we receive and it is enabling us to continue our fundraising for the children at Hurst Primary.

It has been a tough year when we are all so busy but here's onwards and upwards to the next year with even more members of the PA.

A future focus should be how to entice new parents to the PA, as there is strength in numbers. We need to build on support from the teaching staff and involve the whole community into what we do and we will need to continue the work on the website to improve communication.

2 Treasurer's Report

Sam Palmer confirmed the figures from Kerrie's review.

3 Nominations for new Committee

Kerrie Pendry and Natalie Pace wish to step down as Chair of the PA and Sam Palmer wishes to step down as Treasurer. New Committee consists of the following:

Lisa Parsons/Katie Goodall – role of joint Chair
Kerry Pecover – Vice Chair
Tina Harre – Secretary
Debbie Wyeth – Treasurer

4 Future Plans

A number of points were discussed as to events and what money will be spent on financial year 2016/2017. It was decided that there was to be more money invested back into the school for redevelopment.

5 Upcoming Events

This year's events will now be looked at and booked into the diary. We are also looking into other and new events including a race night and potentially a film night.

So far we have booked in the diary:

Class Parties – 16 December
Foodbank – 16 December
Race Night – 3 February
Crafternoon – 24 March
Easter Cake Sale – 30 March
Bake Off – 26 May
Crafternoon – 16 June
Summer Fete – 17 June
Inflatable Afternoon – 5 July

Finally, thank you to everyone for your hard work, energy, enthusiasm and sheer determination - that makes our PA work so well.