

William Gilbert Endowed School PTA

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Minutes of the PTA meeting held Monday 12 January 2009

Chairman: Mary Johnson-Evans

1. Opening Welcome

Mary welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Present

Sue Whyld, Mary Johnson-Evans, Andrea Hewing, Karen Lawley, Jane Arnold, Suzanne Leeder, Helen Warner, Jane Munns, Wendy Staples, Sue Robey, Rachel Abbott, Helen Barr, Debbie Preston, Karen Nicholson.

Apologies

Judith Carroll, Rachael Storr, Gail Mann, Deborah Outhwaite, Bronwen Skinner, Karron Forrester, Kelly Houston, Joanne Hare.

(Meeting in quorum)

3. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

Minutes of the last formal meeting held on 4 July 2008 were proposed by Mrs Whyld and seconded by Jane Arnold.

4. President's Report

Mrs Whyld wished everyone a Happy and successful New Year. She wished to thank Amanda Hamilton for the cushions and for helping to hang the new curtains in the hall.

Thanks to the PTA for concert accessories, Party gifts, Concert refreshments, Panto drinks, Xmas Fayre, Hampers and for their general support.

She added that the hamper idea was a huge success amongst the children and staff.

The recorders had now been received and lessons had started.

She confirmed that we do have football kits with the school name on, but no hockey kits.

She had obtained three quotes for the laptops/trolley and was keen to go with the most expensive one of £8300 as this included fitting by the school's current technician, who was also therefore familiar with the school. She thought that there may be room for negotiation with the price.

An update with regard to Junior shading would be ready for next meeting as Mrs Whyld needed to speak with Mrs Shephard.

5. Chairman's Report

Mary reported that the Xmas tree decoration competition was a huge success.

Samaritan's Purse had collected 160 boxes.

PTA had bought recorders/books, sweets for the Junior party and chocolate coins, wine for the helpers who painted the scenery boards and refreshments for the Xmas concerts.

She added that we will need three new scenery boards for next year.

Ruth Pritchard is in charge of the Yr 6 Leaver's books and has already started taking photographs.

Treasurer's report – Balance £19656

6. Disco – raised £290

Christmas Gift & Craft Fayre – raised £197.

Xmas Fayre – raised £880.

After discussion it was decided that both the last two events needed a new approach for this year.

7. Spending Requests

Mrs Whyld has not yet received the £4000 for annual curriculum spend.

She requested to proceed with ordering the 16 laptops and trolley. This was unanimously voted in favour. Mrs Whyld will also order the 18 stools required for the ICT suite (a limit of £750 was set by the committee) .

Rachel asked about ordering more playground equipment for the Juniors. As the school council usually raise funds for this purpose, Mrs Whyld suggested that they could hold an event and that the PTA could match the amount raised as an incentive.

9. AOB

A date of Friday 20 March, 6.30-8.30 has been set for a family 'pizza and beetle drive night' .

Mothering Sunday gifts will be on sale Friday 20 March,

A suggestion of a family night at Rollerworld was given, Mary to check availability.

We will collect The Times vouchers('books for school' offer).

The May Fayre date is set at 16 May, the first May Fayre meeting is Monday 2 February, 7.45pm, at the Pattern Makers.

10. Date, time and venue of next meeting

Monday 2 March 2009, in the School hall at 7.30pm followed by the AGM at 8pm.