

**William Gilbert Endowed School PTA**

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**Minutes of the PTA meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2006  
Chairman Karen Lawley**

**1. Opening Welcome**

Karen welcomed everyone to the meeting

**2. Present**

Karen Lawley, Bridget Charlton, Judith Carroll, Suzanne Leeder, Sue Whyld, Jayne Stevenson, Judy Hooker, Mary Johnson-Evans, Andrea Hewing, Jane Arnold, Anna Nandwani, Rachael Storr, Sue Robey, Karen Nicholson, Rachel Abbott, Kate Naylor, Annette Cooke, Gail Mann, Bronwen Skinner, Joanne Hare, Nicola Allison, Adele Carmichael-Smith

**Apologies**

Derek Cooke, Ruth Hewitt, Caroline Young, Jo Kennedy, Mrs Williamson, Miss Terry, Lisa Tipping.

**3. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising**

Minutes of the last formal meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> January were proposed by Bridget Charlton and seconded by Karen Lawley.

**4. Presidents report**

Sue Whyld thanked all the parent helpers for a successful infant and junior disco. She then thanked Nikki Allison and Adele Carmichael Smith for all their hard work organising the Party in the Park 4. The event raised an amazing £8200.

The school were delighted to receive £4000 for curriculum development. The money is a phenomenal help so each subject leader can purchase materials for enhancing their curriculum area. A request for further money will be made again. If this money could be made available at the beginning of the academic or financial year it would allow better planning and spending.

Mrs Owen has requested money to purchase new updated bibles. She has requested 40 Childrens New Testament Bibles, 20 Global Bibles and 10 Childs Illustrate Bibles which amounts to £880. This request was put to the vote and passed unanimously.

Sue Whyld then provided estimates for replacing furniture in the Junior Classrooms. The cost of 18 two seater desks and 36 chairs came to about £1500. She proposed the PTA considered refurbishing one classroom a year. A vote was taken as to whether the PTA agreed in principle to the idea of funding refurbishment of year 6. This was passed unanimously. Sue Whyld agreed to provide a detailed costing of the and proposal and consider its priority within her spending plan.

**5. Chairman's report**

Karen reported that the disco raised £245. The children made the posters and were very well behaved. The DJ's were very good and we hope to use them again.

Karen again thanked Nikki and all her team for another successful Party in the Park.

**6. Treasurers report**

A copy of the accounts is attached to minutes. We have forward committed £9000 leaving us a balance of around £6700 in the bank. This does not include monies raised from the ball.

**7. Past events**

**Party in the Park 4**

Nikki Allison informed us that the Party in the Park 4 had raised £8322. She extended thanks to all her great friends who had helped her organise the event including Richard and Anita Beavers,

Mary Johnson-Evans, Sue Daniels, Craig Allison, Keith Raynor, Nikki's sister-in-law for the table decorations and Adele for all her work. She also thanked all the sponsors who donated auction and raffle prizes. She also thanked all the parents who attended the Ball and the PTA for their support. She hoped the money raised would make a difference to the school.

**8. Forthcoming events**

Mother's day gifts are this Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March.

The May Fayre is only 3 weeks after the Easter Holidays. A separate planning meeting will be held at 8.00pm at the Lord Scarsdale on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2006

**14. AOB**

There has been an ongoing dispute about a horse two men and an auction prize. At the ball two years ago a man paid £1500 for "owning a racehorse for a day". Nikki Allison explained the situation. Unfortunately the horse has died and although the man has received £750 from the original donor he still feels aggrieved and is requesting compensation. He will accept a figure of £375. It was agreed unanimously to compensate him but ensure he sign an agreement that his is the final settlement.

**15. Next meeting**

**May Fayre meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> April Lord Scarsdale 8.00pm**

**PTA meeting 26th April 7.30pm Year 5 classroom**