

# ST. ATHANASIUS' PTA NOVEMBER 2009 MINUTES

The meeting was held at 7pm on Tuesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2009 at St. Athanasius' Primary school and was chaired by Janis McBride.

## **In attendance**

Janis McBride(Chair), Mr. Farrell(HT), Lindsay Stewart(Secretary), Jacqui Lebida(Treasurer), Rosa Shearer, Claire Leghorn, Angela Logan, Sharon Kelly, Claire Miller, Joanne McArdle, Elaine Butcher, Lisa Greer, Catriona Grier, Lorna Gallagher, Marie Simpson

## **Apologies**

Maureen Smith, Annemarie Ford, Chris Baker

## **Minutes of last meeting**

These were unavailable but would be issued shortly.

## **Election of new Secretary**

Janis advised that Maureen Docherty had resigned as Secretary with immediate effect. Lindsay was asked to fill the post as no-one else volunteered. This was proposed by Claire Miller and seconded by Catriona Grier. Everyone was in agreement and Lindsay was duly elected as Secretary.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Money banked of £42 for 50/50, £113.95 for Halloween disco and £477 for Balloon race.

## **50/50 draw for October**

Claire Miller updated the committee on the October draw. Only 5 envelopes had no name on them this month which was an improvement on the previous month. Generally Claire puts the envelopes out one week before the draw and teachers have been encouraged to remind pupils to put names on the envelopes.

Winners were:

1 <sup>st</sup> Cristiana Jannetta	£30 Prize
2 <sup>nd</sup> Charlotte Kelly	£20 Prize
3 <sup>rd</sup> Maria Wilson	£10 Prize

## **New Business**

- Balloon Race – 13<sup>th</sup> November 2009 – 2pm release of balloon. Currently we have sold 477 balloons. Helpers are needed on the day to help inflate the balloons and to help distribute to the pupils for the release. Volunteers are: Janis, Lorna, Claire Miller, Claire Leghorn, Lisa and Rosa. Volunteers to be at the school by 11am. Janis will notify the police and the gazette about this event. Lindsay will get labels printed and these will be available with the balloons and tickets on the day. The gas is delivered to the school direct. Lindsay reminded everyone that they are Eco friendly as someone had mentioned this as a concern to Claire Leghorn.
- Pantomime – 10<sup>th</sup> December 2009 – Volunteers needed to accompany the pupils to this event. Volunteers are: Janis, Catriona and Sharon.

Coffee Morning – 11<sup>th</sup> December 2009 - Helpers needed from 10am to help set up. Volunteers are: Claire Miller, Claire Leghorn, Marie Simpson, Janis, Rosa and Catriona Grier. Hopefully the bags and mugs will have arrived by then and could be sold on the day. Janis proposed that we use the funds to buy the cakes and the hampers this year. This was agreed by the members. Lisa will do a cake as a prize and Catriona will do the baskets up for hampers.

- Next Term's Lets  
12<sup>th</sup> Jan 2010  
2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2010  
2<sup>nd</sup> March 2010  
30<sup>th</sup> March 2010  
4<sup>th</sup> May 2010  
1<sup>st</sup> June 2010
- Dates for Bags to School  
May 2010 and November 2010. By booking 2 dates we get a better deal.
- Gala Committee Fundraiser  
Rosa mentioned that this was on in the Church hall on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2009 to raise funds for the Gala entry. Members were encouraged to attend to help support this worthwhile cause and to support in selling the tickets after mass on the preceding weekend. Names to Rosa. It was discussed and agreed that the PTA will pay for the buying of sweets for the children on the day of the Gala.
- Christmas Night Out  
This is a joint night out with the Gala committee as we have so many members who attend both. The decision was taken to attend a murder mystery night at the Church hall on Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Dec 2009. Cost is £20 and for this you get the murder mystery, 3 course dinner and karaoke! Members who had attended a previous event spoke very highly of it. Names to Rosa by Fri 05/11/09 and £20 to be paid to Rosa by 13/11/09 to secure a place. Tickets are likely to go fast. Rosa can be contacted on 01555 751020.
- Bishop's Mass  
Members were asked to confirm ASAP if they intended to go by ringing the school office. Assistance was also sought to help put chairs out and in (at the end) as the community section must be cleared by 4pm. Help with chairs from 12.30 ish would be good.
- AOCB  
Mr. Farrell asked if anyone was willing to be a parent helper as some classes still do not have any parent helper. If you are interested please pass your name to Mr. Farrell.

Lindsay stated that the mugs and bags had now been ordered and that the company providing them had advised they should be here by the end of November. Selling price etc will be decided when they arrive. Approx 100 of each have been ordered.

Lindsay also mentioned a website called – [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) which could be used to raise funds for the school. Lindsay will register the school and issue a note to go out to parents.

Next meeting: Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2009 in St Athanasius Primary School at 7pm.