

MINUTES

Parents Association AGM – 23 September 2020

1. **In attendance:** Victoria Geenes (Chair), Jo Sharp (Secretary, Treasurer), Charlotte Best (Vice Chair), Charly Jones (Vice Chair), Rebekah Sharrock, Kerry Wiles, Claire Smith, Alison Mueller, Rachel Griffiths, Sam Greenfield, Jennifer Carter, Hannah Bates, Nicola Mackinnon, Mr Newton (Head), Mrs Chilton (School Office)
2. **Apologies:** Marianne Heighs, Steph Dell, Carenza Parker
3. **Minutes of Last Meeting:** Approved
4. **Chair's Report:** Attached
5. **Treasurer's Report:** Attached
6. **Election of PA Officers**
The current PA committee stepped resigned and new officers were elected.
Chair – Charlotte Best. Proposed by Victoria Geenes, Seconded Charly Jones

Secretary – Charly Jones. Proposed by Jo Sharp, Seconded by Claire Smith

Treasurer – Rebekah Sharrock. Proposed by Charly Jones Seconded by Claire Smith

Vice Chair – No volunteers
7. **AOB**

Chair's Report for 2019-2020

This evening brings to a close another year of fundraising and spending for the PA – one that has thrown up it's own unique set of challenges and difficulties.

The events that we managed to hold before lockdown were all well supported and as you will hear in the treasurer's report, we have still managed to raise a significant amount of money despite having to cancel lots of things that were due to be held in the latter part of the year.

The money raised has been used to pay for new lockers for the key stage 2 cloakrooms, refurbish the fitness trail, replace 2 smart boards and buy a scooter and bike rack to encourage children to cycle and scoot to school. This is in addition to spending money on projects that give added sparkle to enhance the children's learning and provide them with some great memories of their time at St Johns. We have paid for every child in key stage 1 to have a curriculum based workshop, have given the year 6 leavers a photobook, have continued the cookery lessons funded by the 2017 Summer Ball and have an ongoing programme of refurbishment of the outdoor spaces including the millennium garden and Hogan's hideaway to give new and exciting learning opportunities.

There have been so many people who have helped to organise and run events this year that I worry that I would forget someone if I tried to name everyone individually, so won't, but huge and heartfelt thank you's to everyone who has got involved over the last 12 months.

Huge thank yous also to everyone who has donated to, attended or made tea at the various different events that we have held across the year - without your support they just wouldn't happen.

Finally the biggest thank yous have to go to the current committee members – Charlotte and Charly who joined us this time last year, and Jo without whom so many of the events just couldn't have taken place. I think you will all agree that her energy and enthusiasm for all things PA is just incredible!

Treasurer's Report for 2019-2020

Unfortunately, we lost another treasurer during the autumn term and so I have been covering the role again for this year. Last year's accounts were successfully filed in June and thank you once again to Martin Blagojevic for auditing them for us.

Despite the challenges due to COVID-19 lockdown and the need to cancel all summer events we still managed to raise a fantastic £18,600 in 19-20.

As always, a number of events and initiatives have helped raised this sum. The Christmas Fair, Grotto and Secret room raised a fantastic £5,400 with the Christmas play DVDs adding £1100 to this. The Sponsored run brought in £1275 which gave us enough in total to get the fitness trail refurbished. Future events will now allow us to maintain the trail for years to come. In addition, we were successful with a couple of grants – Persimmon Homes awarded us £1000 for the sensory Garden and we received £435 from Waitrose token scheme. On top of this, we raised money through Cookie Sales, Gin evening, 2nd Hand Uniform, Stationery Sales, Recycling, EasyFundraising, Amazon Smile and more.

On top of this I have been through and claimed gift aid on all eligible events from the last couple of years and in total this bought in £900 (with another £225 being paid into the account on 1st Sept).

We have also been very busy spending the money that has been raised. New tables and chairs throughout the school, new lockers for KS2, smart boards, sports equipment, classroom resources, workshops and plenty more.

We ended the year with £26,700 in the accounts, and whilst some of this is reserved for specific projects such as cookery lessons and the sensory garden it is a healthy balance to begin the year with.

Finally, thanks to everyone who has supported me with covering the treasurer role for the last couple of years and good luck to Rebekah going forward.