

Newton Poppleford School Association (PTFA)

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 22nd January 2020, 7.30pm, The Cannon

Attendees: Tilli Beglin (Chair), Teri Murphy, Katy Evans (Secretary), Jon Leeson-Kings (Treasurer), Sarah Furzer, Henry Odbert, Sarah Quilty

Apologies: Kim Davey

Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair was a great success with lots of positive feedback from those who attended. Overall, it was felt that there was a better atmosphere than previous events as everything was more spread out.

The profits raised were approximately £800.

The PTFA and school would like to thank Toby Taylor (parent) for donating the Christmas tree.

School Allotment:

Preparation for the school allotment is on-going. It is hoped that it will be ready for use in the Spring.

A working group party has been scheduled for 1st February. This has been publicised on social media & 'School Matters' newsletter. A plea for volunteers will also be made to Facebook parent groups.

This working group will aim to:

- Lay the base for the greenhouse & erect the greenhouse in the new location
- Spread the manure (donated)/topsoil onto the raised beds
- Lay the woodchip (donated) around the raised beds

We need to try and obtain paving slabs, sand, topsoil & gravel boards. The topsoil is likely to be a significant expense. Teri has been looking at different options to keep costs to a minimum.

The PTFA have been successful in obtaining the following to support the development of the schools outside space:

1. £500 grant application from 'Local Schools Nature Grant' (Learning Through Nature). This will be used for gardening equipment. There will also be a training session for school staff.
2. £500 from Parish Council Community Project Grant to go towards the school allotment. The Parish Council have requested a progress report in April
3. Refurbished tool bundle from the 'Tool Shed Project'. This is awaiting collection from a local garden centre.
4. A collection of donated vegetable seeds

Pudding & Quiz Night

Friday 28th March was proposed as the date for the Pudding & Quiz Night. This date will be confirmed once we know the availability of the school. Chris Burhop has agreed to be Quizmaster.

The event will take the format of previous years with quiz teams of six (£5 per person to enter), bring your own booze (no licence required) and donations of puddings/cheese board to share.

There will be an appeal for raffle prizes. Teri has posters etc from last years event which can be altered & used as promotional material.

Requests for Funding:

English Touring Opera - We have received a request for funding of £290 for the English Touring Opera visit in November. [Request approved](#)

Pre-School - Request for £93 for puppet show. [Request approved](#)

Y3 & Y5 - Request for £100 each from their cake sale money to fund Victorian & Anglo-Saxon workshops. [Request approved](#)

Reception - Request for £65 from their cake sale money for 12 books ('Hot Reads'). [Request approved](#)

PTFA - Request for £20 to renew small lottery licence. [Request approved](#)

AOB

Thank you to Sian Pond (Beauty Box) who donated £50 to PTFA.

RSPB Big Wild Sleep Out: RSPB run family camping events including dinner, camping, wildlife activities. They have approached us about running an event on Venn Ottery Common in June. Costs are approximately £80 per family. In exchange for promoting the event locally, the PTFA would be donated £100. Teri has released a poll on social media to gauge interest in the event. It was decided that we need further information from the RSPB. Tili to email them to confirm minimum numbers required to run the event (**Action Tili**).

Marquee/Gazebo: The PTFA marquee and gazebo need to be replaced. Sarah F agreed to contact local marquee businesses to see if anyone would be willing to donate one to us (**Action Sarah F**).

Bags 2 School: There is some interest in running this fundraiser again this year. We need to contact 'Bags2School' to see if they still run the scheme (**Action Katy**).

Sensory Garden: We have secured a number of grants to support the development of the sensory garden (Total: £4379). We need to start work on this project & provide progress reports to the appropriate parties. Phase 1 of the project involves laying concrete. Teri agreed to obtain quotes for this work (**Action Teri**)

Easter Eggstravaganza: Need to confirm date and time of this event. Aiming for 26th March at 1.30 to coincide with end of the school term.

Next Meeting: 2nd March, 7.30 at the Cannon Inn. Everyone welcome!