

Newton Poppleford School Association (PTFA)

Committee Meeting Minutes – Virtual meeting via WhatsApp

Autumn term, 2nd half term, Nov-Dec 2020

Attendees: Tilli Beglin (Chair outgoing), Katy Evans (Secretary outgoing), Jon Leeson-Kings (Treasurer), Teri Murphy (Chair), Henry Odbert (Deputy Chair), Kate Clemens (Secretary)

Welcome

We are unable to meet in person due to government restrictions during the Covid-19 pandemic, this WhatsApp group will serve as a virtual committee meeting in the meantime.

New Committee Members

Welcome to the meeting new committee members Henry and Kate, following the AGM. Thanks to Tilli and Katy for their time on the committee.

Pumpkin Trail

The pumpkin trail was a success, the honesty box was vandalised on day one, but survived the rest of the week. Feedback from parents has been very positive. £177 raised, this was 110 from orders through bookbags, 2 ordered via email, and 65 from the honesty box.

Beauty Box

Parent Sian Pond has donated a percentage from all new clients in October at Beauty Box, she has gifted the PTFA £48.

Mr Filer's Orchard

Steve Filer has offered to buy the fruit trees for the school orchard (part of the allotment). We have already purchased these at a cost of £70 so he has reimbursed us £100. The trees will arrive early December, they are 2x sweet cherry, 2x plum, 2x conference pear, 2x gala apple, and 2x golden delicious apple. Planting to be arranged. Orchard to be named after Mr Filer!

Woodland Trust

In collaboration with Nicola Dowsing, we have ordered 30 trees from the Woodland Trust free trees scheme to be planted primarily in the lower sports field. We have requested 10x silver birch, 10x wild cherry, and 10x rowan, they should arrive March 2021.

PTFA Shed

There was a leak to the shed as the felt as blown off in the wind. Henry kindly completed the roof repairs, with Tanisha and Katy donating the felt. Henry has also agreed to build shelves.

School allotment

A truck load of woodchip was donated and the committee agreed to pay £25 for delivery to school.

Online Shopping Portal

We are currently signed up to The Giving Machine. Only £66 has been raised this year. A parent commented that Amazon were not supported on that site. After some research the committee has agreed to sign up to Easyfundraising and Amazon Smile. Kate to sign us up in the New Year.

Virtual Christmas Hamper Raffle

After checking with the licencing committee at Devon Council it was agreed ticket could be sold virtually to keep the raffle Covid safe.

Parent were requested to send money into school or email Teri with ticket requests and complete a BACS to the PTFA account. The tickets were then either emailed or sent by text including date of the draw (to be completed by random number generator), charity number and licence holder information.

Requests for Funding:

Whole school- £240 for Christmas crafting activities, £30 for each class. Agreed

Next Meeting: Virtual meeting via WhatsApp to continue in Autumn term, 2nd half term.