



THE TOWERS CONVENT SCHOOL PTA

Minutes of Meeting held Tuesday 24th April 2012, 6.15pm

Staff: Sister Patrick, Mrs Baker, Mrs Bowerman, Mrs Hanks, *Mrs Saul, Mrs Sparkes.

Parents: Mrs Standen, Mrs Garland, Mrs Blackmore- Saunders, Mrs Kurd, Mrs Teatum, Mrs Roney.

Also in attendance: *Daisy Parker, *Zoe Batchelor & *Mrs Parker.

1. **APOLOGIES:** Received & accepted from Shannon Stafford, Phil Navier & Louise Crick. Meeting started at 6.30pm without the attendance of Anna Skepper & Liz Reeves.
2. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** Minutes of January 18th 2012 accepted as true and accurate.
3. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** Uniform sale was a quiet one but still managed to sell all the cakes. Tried 50/50 raffle but wasn't popular, it has been suggested that we should start the 'pot' to gain momentum. Thank you to all who helped.
Thank you to Allison Sutton for the lovely hampers which were raffled at the Junior school plays and to those who helped at the event.
4. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Not available at present but will be asap.
5. **EVENTS FOR SUMMER TERM 2012:**
 - **Friday 25th May Performing Arts Evening - Bar, bar snacks & raffle. School comms to go out to inform parents the above will be available. Help required.
 - **Thursday 21st June - Induction day & uniform sale - cakes & teas - help required.
 - **Saturday 23rd June - Senior prize giving - Luncheon, bar & raffle - help required.
 - **Friday 29th June - Bags to school. This is an extra bag drop due to large numbers of parents missing the previous one. No help required.

****Sunday 1st July - Junior prize giving - Cream teas, bar & raffle - help required.**

Sarah Teatum to coordinate & issue an email for availability to all the above events.

6. REQUESTS FROM STAFF:

Junior school - I T dept requested a database called Ask Oscar for use in all areas of the curriculum for children aged between 4-14 years. Cost £299.00 for a one off license. **AGREED.**

Senior school - Arts dept requested a projector to enable to show visibles to the class, imageries from the internet etc & it will be used for GCSE prep. Cost in the region £1018-£1300. **AGREED.**

On behalf of year 11 girls, Daisy Parker & Zoe Batchelor requested a donation of £100.00 to help with the cost of their 'leaving do'. Members present at the meeting agreed to help with a cake sale if required. Concern was held over subsequent years requesting monies. **DECLINED.**

P E dept - an interactive sports coach will visit the school prior to the Olympics to educate the girls on the Para Olympics & how athletes overcome their disabilities in order to compete. Cost £100.00. **AGREED.**

*** ALSO AGREED*** a total of £500.00 (inc £100.00 above) to be set aside if further sessions are available & all girls will benefit from this visit. **PE dept to check of further availability.**

English dept - requested £125.00 as 'Booked up' has been replaced by 'Booked Buzz'. This is a book & book mark for each year 7 child. The library will benefit from a whole set of books. **English dept to check if order can be doubled up as current year 7 have missed out. AGREED.**

7. MATTERS ARISING/ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Year 11 have requested to use the old changing rooms as a common room, as their current room is used for exams. **Laura Blackmore-Saunders to investigate.**

Saturday 19th May, Sisters coffee morning. Sister Patrick requested help to set up Friday night from parents & staff, help with Tombola items etc

Car park appears to be working more smoothly with constant monitoring from staff - speed strips yet to be placed outside of school. *******

Thank you's received from Geography & D of E depts. for the mapping software which eventually arrived also from Junior school a shed has been purchased for storage for bikes, trikes etc.

Many thanks to Linda, Isabelle & Liz for all their years of help & support to the PTA. They will still be active until the end of term but we wish them & their families love & best wishes for the future, they will be greatly missed.

Sister Patrick paid tribute to Nic Packwood, who was an honorary auditor of the PTA accounts for a short time. To Andrea, Holli & family our thoughts & prayers are with you.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: September 12th/13th 2012. To be confirmed.

- **Person left meeting at 6.35pm & 7.50pm**
- ***** speed strips now in place**