EPS PTFA General Committee Meeting Minutes 01/11/2017

Present: Mrs Millward, Richard Davies (Chairperson), Lina Iankov (Secretary), Liz Murphy (committee), Becky Madden (committee), Zoe Poynton, Jo Hughes (committee), Val Hobson (Communications Coordinator), Andrew Kirke (Treasurer), Lu Newton (committee)

Apologies: Kirsty Foley (committee)

1. Previous minutes agreed. Actions reviewed:

* 1. Newsletter was issued- VH and JH, next one is due after the AGM.

1.2 School lottery - £76 raised for the school since the start of this academic year by 18 supporters. Please, join at [www.yourschoollottery.co.uk](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk) for a chance to win the weekly local or national prize.

1.3 Meet the PTFA craft session raised £215 and was a lovely community event, enjoyed by many. An incident involving two volunteers, a few issues with overexcited children and the suggestions for future PTFA events were discussed. Some of the ideas included bubble run, sports competition and uniform shop. A festive craft session may be held on 9/12 in the village hall. BM, ZP, LM, JH, VH

1.4 Film Night - thank you, LN, for leading the event, which raised £231.93. Some ticket requests had a confusing order of both sweets and popcorn, but it is either one or the other. The school letter was discussed.

1.5 Recycling Day was well supported by the community. The donated clothes and shoes were collected by the Daisychain Benevolent Fund (with a charity shop in Mickleover) and payment to the PTFA will be calculated based on weight. Furthermore, the recycling bin is being well used and emptied weekly. Thank you for fundraising for the School and contributing to this worthy charity by donating your unwanted shoes and clothes. VH

2. Treasurer’s update - current balance is £4407.26

3. Members’ views.  Please, contact us in person or at etwallpta@gmail.com

Following an inquiry, it was clarified that parents can donate directly to the PTFA by writing a cheque. The primary PTFA Committee’s purpose is to fundraise for the benefit of the children, but we also treasure developing the community links and offering a variety of enriching events.

4. Staff updates and requests - due to the drastic school budget cuts the Committee is considering changes to the PTFA constitution to be able to allocate some funds for more day-to-day items such as a paper guillotine or even pencils.

5. Future Events

5.1 Fireworks 03/11 - all set up and ready to go.

5.2 EPS Kitchen Training Fri 17/11 from 14:45. Confirmed attendees - ZP, LI, JH, RD and VH.

5.3 Christmas Cards - thank you, Marina White, for completing the orders in challenging circumstances.

5.4 Disco - 29/11 LI & ZP; KS1 helpers - LN, BM, LM and Samantha Hicklin; KS2 - JH, VH.

5.5 Secret Santa Fri 8/12 - VH to lead. A letter with information about Secret Santa and the Class Hampers will be issued Mid November.

5.6 Class Hampers Mon 11/12 - LI

5.7 Nativity Plays Cafe volunteers on 6/12 - BM, ZP, VH; 7/12 - LM, LI; 14/12 - BM, ZP

5.8 Personalised Lego keychains - BM. The Christmas deadline was missed with the provider as there was no school response about forms distribution.

5.9 Coin jars - a travel costs fundraising competition to take place in January - AK and BM.

6. Any other business - the school community involvement with the PTFA was discussed.

7. Next meeting - **AGM at School on 30/01/2018 from 18:30**. Please, support the PTFA by coming to the AGM as this is the most crucial meeting about the PTFA’s future and to ensure continuous fundraising as well as delivery of various events in 2018.