

Friends of St Andrews School PTA, Great Yeldham

Minutes of the Coffee Morning held on 9th January 2012 at the Reading rooms

Present: Alison Tosh, Kerry Brazier, Sarah Lowe, Kealy Saunders, Steph Waller, Kylie Sparkes, Michelle Coburn, Alexis Roper, Clare Timms, Jo Young, Gemma Martin, Lou Hart, Amanda Nessbach

Apologies: Mel Lilley

Ali began the meeting by welcoming everyone and thanking them for coming along. She explained that by having coffee mornings and larger meetings hopefully it would encourage more people to come along and share ideas about fundraising. Our main aim for this year is to raise money for the pool liner and possible dome to cover the pool. The liner is going to cost £5000+. Ali informed us that Jo Snell is happy to take on doing the raffle at fundraising activities.

Fundraising Ideas:

Kerry put forward the idea of having a Community Café in the reading rooms. Any money raised will be split between the PTA and the church. She has already spoken to the Reverend Barbara about this. The Arch Deacon has given £100 to help the café get started. The café would be open one afternoon a month to start with, possibly a Thursday afternoon. Reverend Barbara has previous experience in setting one up as she did it in her previous parish. Volunteers will be needed to help out and run it. People could volunteer to make cakes or a rota could be set up.

Michelle is going to ask Acorns if they still have the chalkboard so this can be used to advertise the café. We need to advertise the fact that it is open to everyone and to raise money for the church and PTA.

Amanda is going to speak to the committee and try to negotiate a price for the hire of the hall.

Everyone present thought this was a good idea and most offered their help. Kerry to keep us posted on any progress.

Alexis put forward the idea of having a 'Talent contest' – Yeldhams Got Talent. This could be open to all the children and teenagers who live in Yeldham, and split into 3 age groups. Possibly under 7's, under 11's and under 16's. Auditions and a live final could be held.

Ali, Alexis, Steph, Jo, and Kerry are going to phone around companies to ask for prizes. Kylie suggested that her husband could take photos, and someone else could also video the event so that people could purchase photos and dvd's. Lou offered to help plan the event as she loves party planning.

It was agreed that a group should be set up to organise this event as there is a lot to do – Alexis, Ali, Jo, Lou, Steph and Kerry put their names forward. Once dates are agreed for the contest these will be passed on to the other PTA members and school.

Gemma's husband could possibly make signs to advertise the event. We are also going to ask him if he could make a fundraising thermometer that could be put in the playground so everyone can see the progress that is being made.

Ali commented that the health minister was on TV this morning saying that in line with the Olympics the big emphasis should be on children getting fitter and putting money towards this. Ali said she is going to speak to the local council to see if any money is available there. Also Jean Faulkner is on the parish council, Ali will speak to her and ask if they could make a donation.

Kealy suggested doing a sponsored swim using the school pool. We would need to ask Ms Trappitt with regards to this. She also raised the idea of having more non-school uniform days as they raise money with little effort. Ali said she will speak to Ms Trappitt.

Ali is also going to speak to Becky Poynter, the chair of governors and Ms Trappitt with regards to heating the pool as well as putting the dome over it. This would mean the pool would be able to be used a lot more and possibly by the community as well.

Easter Fayre:

A group has been set up to organise this – Mel, Sarah, Michelle, Kealy, Gemma, Kylie, Steph.

A committee meeting is to be held on 24th January to arrange the valentines disco and start arrangements for the Easter fayre.

It was suggested that we could do an Easter float, going around the streets in Yeldham with buckets, knocking on doors. Somebody could dress up as an Easter bunny to go on the float, and children could dress up and wear Easter bonnets etc. Ali is going to get in touch with Hazel, who organises the cubs/scouts Santa float.

It was agreed by all that the fundraising ideas for this year have been set and that any new ideas be considered for next year.

Dates for your diaries:

Coffee morning - 6th February 2012, at the Reading rooms, 9.15am

PTA meeting to organise Valentines disco and Easter Fayre – 24th January 2012, in school, 9am

Talent Show Committee meeting - 19th January 2012, at Alexis house, 9.15am