

Upton-by-Chester High School PTA – minutes of meeting 13/10/16

Present:

Kathryn Foreman, Caroline Holton, Sarah Johnson, Steve Roberts, Nigel Banks, Colette Smith, Paula Dixon

Apologies:

Sharon Hitchen, Gerry Holton, Heather Coulthard, Christine Windsor, Colin Banks

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 4th Nov 2015 were agreed . KF had filed all requisite paperwork with the Charity Commission following that meeting.
2. Review of Christmas Fair. Event log completed to assist planning for next year's fair. Agreed that the event had been a great success both financially and in terms of the experience for students involved in the stalls etc.
3. Review of Christmas music concert. The provision of refreshments and a raffle had added to the enjoyment of the evening , although this is never going to be a huge money raiser.
4. Consideration of staff bids for financial support:
In the light of the very successful curry and quiz night and Christmas Fair, we agreed to increase the total funding available to support this round of bids to £2500. Individual bids were considered and all agreed as follows:

Biology: £284 for digital microscope

Table tennis club: £300 part payment of coach's annual fees

MFL: resources for enhancing the teaching of mandarin

Economics: resources to assist student revision etc in changed economics syllabus

6th form Honduras Trip: £200 towards the fundraising for the trip

Physics: £298 for a static wave demonstrator

Art: £162 for 2 x paper cutters to replace the 2 damaged cutters

Drama: £300 towards the costs of appearing in the annual Shakespeare festival

PE: £300 to purchase awards for the new PE awards scheme

SLT: £200 towards the cost of vouchers for the annual awards evening

All of these bids satisfied the criterion of supporting many students.

HC to provide cheque for £2500 to Sharon . All staff to be notified that their bids have been successful and that they will receive the funding **ringfenced for the purpose stated**. Staff should also be reminded that these bids are a "one off" and not annually recurring revenue.

It was agreed that our priority for fundraising in 2016 would continue to be supporting staff bids in this way.

5. Discussion of support to the school production of Ghost. The production will take place during the week beginning 8th February . This is also 6th form charity week. We agreed that the 6th form charity team will provide a raffle and refreshments at the production on Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th Feb. PTA will provide the same on WEDNESDAY 10th FEB and THURSDAY 11th FEB.
Volunteers will be needed from 6.15 -8pm on both those evenings to sell refreshments and raffle tickets both before the performance and during the interval. KF to organize supplies for refreshments. HC to provide float. Due to the success of gathering raffle prizes at Christmas, we have enough prizes for both nights.
6. Next meeting Wednesday 24th Feb to consider and plan a fundraising/social event for the end of the Easter term. 6.30 in the hub.

