

**Irthington Village School PTA Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at 7.00pm at  
Irthington School**

**Present** - Diane Bryant, Fiona Todd, Emma Chalmers, Denene Kerr, Leigh Rutherford, Mandy Ewart, Simon Hansel, Mrs Harrison and Mrs Sweetman

**Apologies** Emma Skelton, Rachel Matthews, Annabella Faulder, Julie Storr, Tracy Taylor, Heidi Wright & Maggie Lewis

**Matters arising from previous minutes**

*Constitution*

Mrs Harrison, Mrs Sweetman, Denene and Emma met to discuss the necessary changes to the constitution. It was thought that it would be easier to reduce the number of official office holders to make it easier to have quorum at meetings and also that all PTA members are either to be a member of the school staff or have a child currently at the school. It was decided to inform all parents about the proposed changes and send them off to the Charity Commission. We will then if no objections are received propose to implement them at the AGM.

*Summer Fair*

We raised a total of £762.51, which Denene said was a great addition to our funds, the new stalls were well received and we got about 6 new volunteers which is excellent. We all felt that takings were down on previous years and discussed possible reasons why. Next year we will charge an entry fee again, have a plant stall again, (it was dropped this year due to the recent plant requests from parents for the Cumbria in Bloom bid). We talked about how best to set up the stalls in order to encourage people to walk around everything, perhaps in a horse shoe shape. We will aim to have the raffle tickets in a more prominent position possibly on the door or have someone walking around with them. Cake donations and sales were down, we need to try and recruit some new bakers and the idea of a competition for the best cake or most cakes contributed was also discussed. Also we wondered if the date of the event may have had an impact, the Sunday before residential/it was the day after the Cumberland show, and so perhaps people were too busy/tired to bake etc.

The inflatable has been booked for Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June at a cost of £150 plus £40 delivery. This will take part during the school day

A quote has since been received from Rhythm AV but in the meantime a company has contacted school about getting the staging, lighting an audio system installed in school through a grant, there may be a 10% contribution to make towards this but this would be no more £1000.

**Review of finances**

The summer fair raised £762.51

Funds paid to school - £1500 interactive screens, Moky Fit £150, £595 for the maths workshop day

Current Balance stands at £3364

**Plans of Expenditure**

There are no immediate plans for expenditure although we did discuss contributing towards the buses for the KS2 residential and the KS1 trip to Rockcliffe. We are in a healthier financial position than we expected due to another funding pot being found for the goal posts, and the unexpected potential funding towards much of the staging and lighting. Mrs Harrison said the 15/16 budget is very tight so we may carry forward PTA money to next year.

Fiona raised the issue that school never asks for donations to trips and visits, and that perhaps as the budget is so healthy we could do so in the future.

**Grand Raffle**

So far we have received a couple of prizes from local businesses -Walby and Serenity Beauty Spa at Walton, plus other donations including £50 for Fantails, a hamper, an Estee Lauder gift set. More

prizes are expected nearer the time. The tickets will be out soon and the draw will be done during the worm charming afternoon.

### **Worm Charming**

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2pm - 4pm. There will be a charge of £1 per adult 50p children if spectating.

Plots will be sold at £5 for a 2 person plot and £10 for a family plot, which will need marked out. Fiona will get a measuring wheel from RPA to measure the plots out and Leigh and Simon are going to see if they could get some spray chalk used by builders/sports grounds to do this.

We amended a couple of the rules to make it easier for families to take part.

We will try and encourage people to book a plot by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July, these will be numbered as they come into school and will be issued on a first come first served basis. Any plots left over will be sold on the day but at an increased price of £7 and £12 respectively

We will have a BBQ but this is to be confirmed, subject to the weather forecast nearer the time with Pimms, Beers, Teas, Coffees and juice served

The teaching staff will marshal the worm charming.

We will either mark plots the night before or on the Sunday morning, Mrs Harrison said this would be arranged by the teachers.

We decided to have a single prize of a trophy which Simon offered to look into getting arranged'.

Volunteers will be asked to help out on the day.

### **AOB**

The full page feature on the scarecrow trail will be in the next edition of the PTA+ national magazine, they also like the idea of the worm charming so it may appear in the magazine also.

Denene is going to book Newtown Hall for the Halloween party on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, to be discussed further at the next meeting, the cost of a loud hailer is to be looked into to see if this makes the running on the party a bit easier, Fiona will run the games.

We will hold the Summer Social again and this will be on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September.

Meeting closed at 8.10pm

**The next meeting will be the AGM, date and time to be confirmed**