



**CHURCH
STRETTON
SCHOOL**

SOUTH SHROPSHIRE ACADEMY TRUST

**PARENT TEACHERS
ASSOCIATION**

Minutes from PTA AGM Meeting March 21st 2018

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| 1 | Present: | Helen Howes - Chair Caroline Terrill – Secretary Ruth Lawrence Adrian Holt John Parr | Sam Scott - Treasurer Angela Pownall Helen Davis Lauren Slatter |
| 2 | Apologies: | Stephen Nockolds Karen Holdsworth | |
| 3 | Matters arising from previous minutes | Actions from previous minutes were followed up | |
| 4 | Chair's report | <p>Helen: This year we have continued with myself and Ruth Lawrence sharing the role as PTA Chair. Ruth Chaired for the start and end of the academic year (July to December), the period leading up to the Christmas Craft Fayre and I Chaired for the period leading up to the Mynd Drover Challenge (January to June), our two, significant fund-raising events.</p> <p>We maintain a small and reliable group of regular PTA members who support our worthwhile fundraising work throughout the school year. Thanks especially to Caroline Terrill who continued as Secretary and Sam Scott who continued as Treasurer this year. A new role this year was taken on by Helen Davies, the role of writing regular PTA updates for the LINK. Helen has done a splendid job and taken the pressure off each of us.</p> <p>Thanks also to everyone who has supported our work this year and particularly school staff, whether on one occasion or many. Special thanks to Sylvie who's fabulous catering has brought a new dimension to our events. We value your time, support and goodwill.</p> <p>We were all delighted with the success of the second MD Challenge Walk which was again not only a great fund-raising event but a much enjoyed and shared community experience too. The Craft Fayre in November was, for the first time, coordinated by Lauren Oakes who brought in her own new touches to achieve a great event, continuing our tradition of providing quality and highly regarded crafts, refreshments and experiences. Both are now key PTA events which have clearly reached the local and wider community giving us much to be proud of. Our income has increased significantly this last two years and consequently we are now required to register as a charity in our own right (in addition to our PTA charity status).</p> <p>We have continued to support smaller events arranged by school, such as productions and concerts and we are particularly pleased, this year, to have committed to funding the lease of a new school minibus and will continue to do so for three years, enabling school to reduce transport costs significantly by keeping more travel arrangements 'in house '.</p> <p>Thank - you to you all, for your efforts great or small, throughout the year. Whilst we are ever hopeful of hordes of new members we must trust that there are many parents, friends and teachers of Church Stretton School who are willing to support on occasion and simply need a</p> | |

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| | | <p>little extra or a personal reminder and encouragement to do so. Well done to everyone involved! Long may we continue as a strong PTA group. Our achievements are admirable.</p> |
| 3 | Head's report | <p>John: Thank you all for supporting the PTA by being here this evening for the AGM. Every year I am hugely grateful to you all for the highly successful PTA fundraising, and last year was again a very successful one for the PTA committee. I would like to thank you all for your time; your enthusiasm and drive which not only improves the quality of teaching and learning but also makes for a much better environment for our students, your children, to grow up and learn in.</p> <p>The outcome of your efforts are even more important now than they ever have been before. Education budgets have been cut significantly in recent years and have not taken into account inflation, increases to National Insurance or Pension contributions. There are many other factors which have also added to critical budgetary pressure and, as a small rural school, Church Stretton School is far more exposed than many other schools. This means that what you do will not just be enhancing and enriching the learning experience of our children but also contributing to the long term sustainability of Church Stretton School.</p> <p>This school is a pleasure to teach in and to be linked with. Standards remain high and relationships within our community are strong. I am hugely appreciative to the PTA for the giving of your time, with particular events to note including the hugely successful Mynd Drover and wonderful Christmas Craft Fayre. The significant amount of money raised has clearly impacted on the quality of education that every child receives at this school.</p> <p>We are, of course, proud owners of the new silver Minibus Lite' - only possible through PTA funding to support the purchase – thank you! As a result, students have been able to attend numerous extra-curricular fixtures, visited potential Post-16 destinations and additional off site trips and visits. All students are enjoying access to the super outdoor table tennis tables, providing additional opportunities at break and lunch time, along with use during PE lessons.</p> <p>All these extra special things we would miss but not as much as the warm welcome that parents help to provide at events you have organised. You can't put a price on the refreshments served with a smile to the parents and community who attend the various events supported by the PTA.</p> <p>I would like to thank you all for your contributions – be it money, time, expertise or vision. The PTA is clearly in a strong place, which I am really grateful for.</p> |
| 4 | Treasurer's report | <p>Sam: At the year end December 2017, the balance of the bank account stood at £8,123.62. The current balance is £7,502.62 (as at 21 st February 2018).</p> <p>The Mynd Drover raised a total of £3,863.00. Another successful, well organized event thanks to Helen and Adrian.</p> <p>The craft fayre was again a huge success raising a total of £2,983.96. This figure included £600.00 generated from the refreshments sold by the school canteen. A much better outcome than last year where we had outside caterers in Thyme for Tea who gave us a percentage of the takings amounting to £150.00.</p> <p>Easy Fundraising is now taking off, with more parents and friends signing up to make easy money for the school. The total for the year is £197.72.</p> <p>The money that has been raised this year has already been set aside for the lease/buy of the new mini bus and so far, the PTA has paid £4,080 towards it and will continue to pay £408.00 per month for as long as they can afford to, as agreed with Mr Parr and Ms C. Thomas. This obviously leaves very little, if any money for extra's the school may request.</p> |

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| | | <p>We have again had PTA subscriptions of £118.00 and licences to renew.</p> <p>All the transactions for the year on the Barclays Account are listed on separate sheet alongside a Mynd Drover transaction sheet and a Craft Fayre transaction sheet which have been distributed with this report.</p> |
| 5 | Easy-fundraising administrator | <p>Caroline has taken on the role of Easyfundraising administrator. The PTA believes this really is an easy way to raise money and we will continue to advertise this as much as possible in the Link and with additional material. It is felt that the students who take part in sporting activities get a large amount of use from the minibus and we need to highlight this to their parents on a regular basis.</p> <p>Action: Caroline to update information about Easyfundraising to put something in the Link.</p> |
| 6 | Election of officers | <p>The following positions were confirmed: Helen Howes and Ruth Lawrence will continue as Co-chairs Sam Scott will continue as Treasurer Caroline Terrill will continue as Secretary.</p> <p>Sam has confirmed that this is the last year she will be treasurer to give time to pass over to someone new before she leaves the PTA.</p> |
| 7 | Charity status | <p>Ade investigated charity status and registering for gift aid. The PTA does need to register as a charity and it could also be beneficial to register with HMRC for gift aid. Unfortunately, it is not possible to claim gift aid on craft fayre stalls or Mynd Drover entries.</p> <p>Action: Sam to register PTA as a charity and with HMRC</p> |
| 8 | Funding requests | <p>Paying for the minibus lease does take the majority of the funds raised each year, but as there is a good amount in the bank account, the PTA could consider some specific requests.</p> <p>Action: John to see if there are any requests from the school.</p> |
| 9 | Upcoming events | <p>The next event will be the Year 6 admission interviews that are on 19-20th June 2018.</p> |
| 10 | Mynd Drover | <p>We have received 60 bookings so far, which is a little lower than previous years. We will continue to advertise via social media and the Church Stretton walking festival</p> |
| 11 | Date of next meeting | <p>The next meeting will be on Wednesday 18th April at 7pm in the Stretton Ale House</p> |