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Ash Primary School PTA

Annual General Meeting Minutes

September 2022

Opening:

The meeting was held in the school hall at 7.00pm on Wednesday 28th September 2022.

In attendance:

Anna Anderson (AA), Sarah Bennett (SB), Lynne Buckley (LB), Rhi Butler (RB), Vicky Clarke (VC), Sam Dampier (SD), Kay Hooper (KH), Lisa Knott (LK), Sam Lock (SL), Tracy Luker (TL), Kathy Maple (KM), Vicki Ousey (VO), Ali Potepa (AP), Rachel Sarll (RS) and Amanda Wills (AW).

Discussion:

1. Chair's Welcome

VO thanked everyone for coming, and wished us all well, as she leaves the school (although she will be back to help with next year's festival).

2. Treasurer's Report

LB reported that in 2019-20 we made £6300 profit, which was used to buy things for school, such as books and gym equipment. In 2020-21, our income was badly affected by Covid, and we made just £1000, mainly from our music event. We have made about £6000 over the last two years, which is quite good, considering the pandemic. Ice cream sales have been good and the card reader has really helped. Last year we spent £2500, which included books for school, ice creams for the Platinum Jubilee party, 5 picnic benches for school and one for the Millennium Wood, and the amazing reindeer visit for the Christmas party, which donations didn't cover the cost of. The Millennium Wood Festival was a great success, and raised about £1000, as we invested some of its income in equipment for future events. This money has been allocated to the purchase of library furniture, for which we are still trying to reach our target of £5000.

3. Teacher's Address

KM brought apologies from Rebecca Bennett and Melissa Gibbons, who couldn't attend. PTAs used to provide the icing on the cake, in terms of funding 'extras'. Schools are now underfunded, and costs are rising, so PTAs are now needed to provide the actual cake, not just the icing, such as subsidising school outings and funding library furniture. Great memories of the fun events this year, such as the reindeer visit, the elves' snowball fight, and the Jubilee party, which are valuable for the children. **Community** is most important; deepening friendships, and strengthening communication. The PTA is appreciated by the staff. KM offered to be the link between the PTA committee and the school staff.

4. Committee Positions

Chair: Rhi Butler

Vice Chair: Rachel Sarll

Treasurer: Lynne Buckley

Vice Treasurer: Ali Potepa

Secretary: Amanda Wills

Vice Secretary: Tracy Luker

Refreshments: Sam Lock & Kay Hooper

Year Reps:

Year R:	Sarah Bennett & Tracy Luker
Year 1:	Rachel Sarll & Natalie Ritchie
Year 2:	Rhi Butler & Ali Potepa
Year 3:	Sam Dampier & Vicky Clarke
Year 4:	Lisa Knott & Bex Fisher
Year 5:	Jenny Bridge & ...(to be filled)
Year 6:	Anna Anderton & Amanda Wills

Changed to Year Reps this year, rather than Class Reps, as the message groups are year groups.

5. Any Other Business

Gift presented to VO from PTA to thank her for being a phenomenal PTA Chair. She has brought a lot of ideas, energy and positivity to the school, and will be missed.

Meeting closed, 7.55pm.