

# Axe Valley PTFA



## Minutes of Meeting Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 6.00pm

### Present:

Jo Huscroft (Chair),  
Kate Pemberton (Secretary),  
Jennie Cackett

### Apologies:

Louise Wain (Vice-Chair),  
Jacky Lomax (Treasurer),  
Caz Jeffries,

Dave MacCormick  
June Coplestone  
Heidi Rorstad

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## Approval of last minutes

The Minutes of the AGM were signed and approved by Jo.

## Treasurer's Report

Although Jacky wasn't present she did provide a financial report with a bank statement. The bank balance at the end of January 2018 was £6,111.30 and the 100 Club Balance was £492.00. After committed spending the net balance is £2,263.30.

We also looked at the existing and proposed constitution details and voted unanimously to adopt the proposed criteria. JL to update and at the same time update bank account details. The name we agreed is Axe Valley PTFA.

## Funding Applications

### 1. Year 10 Shelter

Tony Davies (Year 10 Leader) has applied for a sheltered area to be constructed in the designated Year 10 area using posts already in place, by fitting a sail shade.

Total Cost £99.99

**Unanimously approved** - However the members were concerned that the low cost may mean the shade was not fit for purpose and long lasting. If a sturdier shade or construction would be preferred then the application should be amended and would be favourably considered.

### 2. Axe Valley's Favourite Books

Head teacher Steve Green has applied for funding towards picture frames to be fitted to areas around the communal corridors of the school to display a series of posters depicting the favourite books of members of staff. In the future these posters may be changed to other inspirational topics or community adverts as required.

Total Cost £225.00

**Unanimously approved**

## Events

### English Verse and Song – 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018

The music and performance event was held on Friday in the Black Box Theatre organised by Jon Jevons and Rob Selby. The event was attended by approximately 35 parents and 15 students. Jo and Kate ran a PTFA refreshment stall in the Magnolia Room.

Total cost:	£ 53.83	Profit:	<b>£ 25.52</b>
Takings:	£ 39.70	Remaining Stock value:	£ 39.64

It was a small event and some parents were reluctant to buy refreshments despite the tickets being free of charge. It was felt that if possible SLT should be approached to reintroduce a ticket price for concerts (**Action JL**) and arrange for marketing of events to start earlier (**Action KP**).

### **Spring Concert – 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

The date for this concert has already been agreed. KP to start on marketing at least 2 weeks before the event. Concert will be in the Main Hall and have capacity for an audience of up to 150 people. PTFA will run a refreshment stall and raffle, requests for help will be made on Facebook Page.

### **Drama Production, Summer Fair and Other events**

Discussion regarding other events was postponed to the next meeting.

## **Fundraising ideas**

### **The Giving Machine**

This organisation is a well-established online resource for charities that allows people to generate donations as they do their online shopping. It has been in place for several years and currently the only users are Kate Pemberton and Heather Burnett. So far it has generated £80.66. It involves logging into the Giving Machine website before making purchases via registered retailers that include Amazon, Sports Direct, M&S, Trainline UK, Groupon, Argos, Sainsburys, John Lewis, Boden etc... There are hundreds of retailers and it is easy to register.

We discussed ways of encouraging parents to register and start using The Giving Machine and liked the idea of offering a Doughnut Feast to the Tutor Group who got the most sign-ups and transactions in a specified period. Further ideas to be discussed at the next meeting.

### **Local Giving, Lotto and Other Ideas**

Discussion regarding other initiatives was postponed to the next meeting

## **Any Other Business**

### **Promotion and communications of PTFA.**

The low attendance to this PTFA meeting is a concern and disappointing after the promising attendance of new members at the AGM. The **Facebook** page is being used and people seemed to be able to access it easily and we considered if a virtual meeting with comments on issues might be a better way to progress matters. Group **Messenger** discussions have worked well in the past, but have a negative impact when people get notifications of others leaving the group – on the whole not a satisfactory method. A **promotion stand** with questionnaires etc for Transition evening and Year 7 Parents evening could be reinstated if members willing to man it. To be discussed further at next meeting.

## **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be **12<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 6pm** in Head's office. Please meet in Reception and use the front entrance off Chard Street.