

Loddiswell PTFA

Notes from AGM Held on 4th November 2018 at the Loddiswell Inn, 7:30pm

Present: Nikki Curzon (Chair), Teresa Clark, Emma Sweet, S-J Baker, Sable Brown, Sally Motson, Amanda Smith, Laura Hack, Catherine Rippon, Nikki Beer, Sarah Moore, and Jamie Ball.

Apologies: Tina Lowden, Erica Blumer, Emma Meek, Natalia Moore and Melissa Beer.

The Chair opened the meeting and stated that it had been an exciting year with the transfer to the new school and the amalgamation with the Pre-school PTFA. She also stated that the AGM is taking place in the Autumn term in order to follow the School year and not the financial one, which is the norm for PTFAs.

Summary of Last Year (August 17 to August 18)

Last year, from a PTFA perspective, we were as busy as usual! We held: Banger Bingo, a Curry Quiz Night, Christmas Raffle, Bunny Bingo, Yard Sale, Big Breakfast, and a Barn Dance. Everyone was thanked for their support.

Plans for this Year (August 18 to August 19)

This year's activities will be different from previous as we now have both School and Pre-School fundraising events to fit into the calendar and, with the new school, the teachers have several new ideas for fundraisers that we are supporting.

So far we have sold teas and cakes at Bus Day in September and had the first ever School Halloween Disco. On Friday 30th November there is Bingo and the Christmas Fair is on Friday 7th December. Then, on the calendar so far for next year, is a Spring Disco, the Easter Eggstravaganza on Good Friday (19th April) and the Big Breakfast.

Financial Report

The opening balance at the beginning of September 17 was:	£13,794.72
The closing balance at the end of August 18 was:	£18,577.32

So an amazing £4,782.60 was raised over the year.

It was noted that the total balance in the old (Santander) bank account (around £16,900) is about to be transferred to the Federation to part pay for the School's playground and white boards etc as promised. This account will then be closed. Leaving the PTFA with just a new (Lloyds) bank account.

No questions on the accounts were raised.

Election of Committee Members

Our constitution states that all elected committee members stand down each year and are re-elected or replacements found. Last year Nikki was elected Chair and Erica Treasurer. The Secretary post was vacant.

Chair: Our constitution requires a Chair, rather than a co-ordinator etc. Nikki was elected last year and will re-stand if no one else volunteers, as the post needs to be filled.

Chair - Nikki Curzon. Nominated by Teresa. All agreed.

Treasurer: Erica stood down as Treasurer in Jan 18 after 4 years in post. Emma S took over but due to changing circumstances can no longer continue and so has also stood down. Amanda Smith has kindly volunteered to stand as treasurer.

Treasurer – Amanda Smith. Nominated by Sable. All agreed.

Secretary: Tina tried the role briefly but struggled, since then Nikki has covered it. Jamie Ball kindly volunteered to take over the role at the AGM.

Secretary – Jamie Ball. Nominated by Sarah Moore. All agreed.

Other committee members: Sable, Teresa, Emma S, Sally, Laura, S-J, Natalia and Tina.

Charity Commission Trustees

We applied and gained charity status last year (7 Dec 17). This enabled the Pre-school (who were already registered as a charity) to amalgamate with us and gave us an official charity number to use when asking for donations etc.

Last year we had 7 trustees and although not stipulated anywhere in our constitution or on the charity commission paperwork, the Chair proposed that we maintain at least 4 trustees.

Those who were prepared to remain as trustees were: Nikki, Teresa, and Tina.

The Chair stated that the following 4 trustees were standing down:

- Erica Blumer who resigned as treasurer (as mentioned above) and is now officially leaving the committee too.
- Emma Meek who has just resigned, after being on the Pre-School committee for 14 years and on both committees during their merger.
- Sharon Evans who left the committee in the summer after 4 years.
- Sarah Butler who is no longer able to be an active committee member.

Sable, Amanda and Jamie agreed to become trustees. All present were in agreement.

AOB

Concern had been raised about how the money transferring from the old pre-school account will be dealt with. Emma M had proposed to the Treasurer that the money go to the Federation to be ring-fenced, but those present could not see why this should be the case for those amounts generated by fundraising. The Chair proposed that although it could be placed in the same bank account, records can be maintained to say what historically belonged to the Pre-school or School, which everyone seemed happier with. It was agreed that further clarification on the amount and reason was required before a decision could be made. ***Treasurer to report back at the next meeting.***

The School has requested that the PTFA pay for the various music books required for the Christmas performances, like in previous years; totalling around £250. All present were content with this.

The Chair closed the meeting by paying particular thanks to Erica, Emma M, Sharon and Sarah for their many years of dedication and support to the PTFAs. She also thanked the Loddiswell Community for their generous contribution to the new School and for its support to the Pre-School over the past year. Finally, she gave thanks to everyone for coming and looked forward to their continuing support over the forthcoming year.

Nikki Curzon
Chair
5th November 18