

# **Eastington PA & Friends AGM**

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2009**

## **Minutes**

**Attended by:** Grace Andrews, Claire Banks, Judi Bonham, Emma Charlesworth, Elizabeth Greening, Karen Hayes, Masano Hedges, Jane King, Jason King, Jean Lord, Katrina Naphine, Lisa Norman, Sam Organ, Emma Owen, Catrin Parsons, Malcolm Strang, Jules Telford, Karen Wall, Gaby Warner, Tasha Warren

**Apologies:** Fleur Alvares, Steve & Rachel Armstrong, Janet Godsell

### **1. Chairs Report**

Emma Owen opened the meeting by running through agenda: the chair would provide a review of the past year, followed by a treasurer's report explaining the amount of money generated followed by the school's perspective provided by Malcolm Strang. Emma also confirmed that the current committee would be in post until next Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October.

Emma ran through the eight main events that were held in 2008/2009 and asked those present to guess how they were ranked in order of the amount of money raised.

They were:

1. Christmas Bazaar - £2400
2. Duck Races - £1937
3. (Joint) Cake Sales/Easter Events both with - £516.58
5. Quiz night - £490
6. Halloween - £418.62
7. Treasure Hunt - £343.56
8. May Queen - £200

Emma said that the one of the aims of the PA was to provide a range of events, some geared towards fundraising such as the Bazaar, others to provide entertainment and promote inclusivity such as Halloween/Treasure Hunt. Others such as the May Queen were long established, and part of the history of the school.

Specific points of note were that the Christmas Bazaar had been the first to be held in the new hall; thanks to Jules Telford and Claire Banks for organising the Treasure Hunt, and to Judi Bonham for organising the Duck Races in Emma's absence. Emma confirmed that the aim of the PA for last year had been to provide £6000 to enable the purchase of laptops for use throughout

the school and that this had been met and exceeded. The PA looked to the school for ideas on what the fundraising objectives should be.

## **2. Treasurers Report**

Copies of the balance sheet for 2008/2009 were circulated. The main detail having already been discussed, Jason King went on to confirm that the past year had been good for fundraising, specifically that the Christmas Bazaar had generated the biggest profit on record (and records had been running for 10 years). In addition to the £6000 provided for laptops, £165 had been donated for phoneme kits. The current balance was £1200 (from an opening balance of £350 at the start of the 2008/2009 academic year). £1.59 remained in a second account and it was proposed that this be moved to the main account and the second account closed.

## **3. Headmasters response**

Malcolm Strang thanked staff for attending as a demonstration of their support for the PA. He expressed personal thank yous to Emma Owen and Judi Bonham for their hard work in bringing everything together, and to Judi for keeping things together whilst Emma had baby Scarlett. Also to Jason King for carrying out the Treasurer role, and Emma Charlesworth as Secretary. He said that the recession was affecting families and children, which made the role of the school in the community by promoting good feeling even more important. This makes a big difference apart from providing better resources. The year had got off to a smoother start because building work had been completed. Over the next 1-2 years it was likely there would be more initiatives from government which would change the relationship between LEA's and schools and provide more autonomy for schools, including more control over their own finances. The PA provides things that make a big difference in ensuring that Eastington is a great place for children to learn. A specific aim was to continue to develop ICT resources, and also to provide support for the development of the new gardening area.

## **4. Committee Posts**

Emma Owen confirmed that at the next meeting, she as Chair, and Judi as Vice-Chair would be standing down after three years in the roles. Nominations were invited for all four committee posts, which would be agreed at the next meeting.

## **5. Date & Time of next meeting:**

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October, 7.45 pm at school.