

Countess Gytha PTFA AGM

Meeting Held: 10TH March 2021

Meeting opened 19:30pm, meeting closed 20:11pm

Present (Zoom call)- Nicola Rowlands (NR) +1, Jo Lavender (JL) +1, Matt Bullock (MB) +1, Faye Lye (FL) +1, Rachel Pengelly (RP) +1, Peter Fletcher (PF) +1, Caroline Robinson (CR), Heidi Brownhill (HB) Katie Sweby (KS), Tors Board (TB) +1, Katie Williams (KW)

Mike Lewis (ML) Mr Talmage (LT) Dan Mahoney (DM), Sarah Cox (SC), Ella Hinks (EH), Katie Kirkham (KK) +1

Total Attendees- 25

- Minutes of last meeting read **ALL APPROVED**
- We now have our own PTFA page on the school website.
- Signatories- By the time we had set up our PTFA bank account we were aware that Mrs Goodland & Sharon Bradford were going to be leaving the school in the near future, so we didn't add them as account signatories. Currently NR and HB are the only account signatories.
- **Chairperson's report**

This report details the work of Countess Gytha PTFA for the period of March 2020-March 2021.

I'm sure most of you are aware that this has been the first year of the current PTFA as the school has been without a PTA for several years. This has been quite a challenging first year as Chair for me and taking on the role has been both daunting but enjoyable in equal measures!

I am very grateful for the encouragement & support this past year provided by Mr Talmage & previously by Mrs Thompson and also all the teachers & school staff that have assisted with events, fundraising and ideas throughout the year. The committee and I look forward to forming a strong partnership with the new headteacher Mr Gordon too.

Our aim this year has been to get our newly established committee up and running and to build up a fund with which we could then plan events & purchase stock and equipment. We have worked on promoting good relations between staff and parents and supporting the wellbeing of pupils with events that were hopefully enjoyable & accessible to all the children and their families.

The primary function of the PTFA is to fundraise, which Heidi will cover in the Treasurer's report. We have been cautious with spending this year whilst trying to build up funds but have managed to donate a new supply of dictionaries, provide the children with a virtual pantomime & ice-cream at Christmas and also helped out towards the cost of the forthcoming science dome visit. We will continue to fundraise towards the outdoor learning allotment area and for the purchase of a large polytunnel this year.

Events undertaken have included- Mufti days, competitions, a virtual balloon race and Christmas fair, several Bag2school collections and the recent sponsored readathon. We hope that a relaxation

in COVID restrictions will mean that we can plan more school-based events, particularly those that involve the local community. The committee have lots of ideas for fundraising but we are always open to suggestions!

Finally, a word of appreciation to everyone involved in the PTFA this past year, you have given your time and energy to get us established in what has been an incredibly difficult year for everyone, your efforts ensure that the PTFA continues to build and strengthen and I think we can be really proud of what we have achieved together. Thank you also to all the parents and carers that get involved and support our events and those that have donated skills, equipment & goodies for raffles and fundraising!

Thank you!

- LT- incredibly impressed with CGPTFA – it's been a pleasure working with you and the relationship between school, PTFA and parents has vastly improved.
- Treasurers Report for Countess Gytha PTFA

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Financial Year 1st September 2019 to 30th August 2020

Under the fantastic leadership of Nicki Rowlands, Countess Gytha PTFA has had a very promising start. Overall fundraising events generated a profit of £233.25. This may seem small but with only this being donations and no actual events held the money was generated from 2nd hand uniform sales, the 5p challenge and bags 2 school collection.

The total income generated from fundraising activities was £246.70 with expenditure of £13.45. The attached report shows a breakdown of these figures by individual event (in date order).

The school lent us the money for the membership to Parentkind annual subscription of £115 to allow us to build some funds. This money has since been repaid.

Countess Gytha PTFA ends the financial year with a bank balance of £233.25

2020-2021

As a quick guide to how we are progressing this year we have currently raised income of £2167.35 and have had outgoings of £1334.27. Giving us a profit of £833.08.

This is great as we have had to purchase most things from new including storage and now, we are more established hopefully we can start providing some fantastic enrichment for the children.

Hopefully with the children returning to school now we will be able to push forward with fundraising ideas that we have not been able to perform that will give more interaction with the children in the coming months.

Heidi Brownhill, Treasurer of Countess Gytha PTFA, March 2021.

- Committee member elections-

Chairperson: NR proposed by JL, seconded by LT

Vice Chairperson: JL proposed by MB, seconded by KK

Secretary: MB proposed by TB, seconded by HB

Treasurer: HB proposed by NR, seconded by JL

Advertising/posters: KS proposed by NR, seconded by HB

Social Media: FL proposed by HB, seconded by NR

Ordinary committee members:

RP proposed by NR, seconded by CR

TB proposed by MB, seconded by CR

CR proposed by TB, seconded by MB

PF proposed by JL, seconded by KW

KW proposed by HB, seconded by PF

All committee members elected at 2020 AGM re-elected into their positions for 2021

- Planned and future events

1. Virtual Easter fair will be done via the Patchwork website (same as Christmas fair) and will go live Monday 22nd March.
2. Fingers crossed for a physical summer fair but restrictions will be assessed nearer the time.
3. HB suggested bubble disco-unanimous support for end of summer term
4. We have two more Bag2school collections booked for 5th May and 22nd July. We aim to book four collections throughout each year if we can.

Whilst we would love to plan further into the year, we will have to see what happens in the next few months before we can judge what sort of events are achievable within government guidelines.

- If any parent or carer can give a little time to support the PTFA's endeavours then please get in touch through the office or any of the committee- you are all very welcome.
- Year 6- leaving gift, discussions around what were suitable. Suggestions included an autograph or photobook ACTION-KS and HB to look at cost options.

NEXT MEETING DATE

- TBC