

Minutes of The Blue School PTA AGM, Tuesday 10 November 2009, 6.30 pm

PRESENT: Di Harris (Chair), Jo Armstrong (Sec.), Kaye Millington (100 Club), Helen Frayne, Charlotte Manasseh, Dawn Meen, Andy Townend, Steve Jackson, Lucy MacNeary, Diane Palmer

APOLOGIES: Karen Aitchison, Jacqui Summerhayes, Manda Thomas, Hilary Waters, Rachel Roston, Paul Sage, Sue Drew, Robin Horton, Sarah Hoddinott, Simon Manasseh, Ellie Cox

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING held on Tuesday 8 September 2009, proposed by Charlotte, seconded by Kaye.

CHAIR'S REPORT: Di said we'd had a brilliant year. Thanks to Robin that the second Glasto team is up and running. Glastonbury is main money spinner. The next fundraising target is the Blue School Council building. Sue is sorting out the grant bids (lots of grant money out there) and Andy is dealing with the BSC and everything else to do with the building. The quiz night raised £1200. Charlotte is organizing web page, which will be linked to the BS website. Kaye is now responsible for the 100 Club and Helen the tea/cups supplies for Parents' Evenings. Thanks to everyone for all their input and effort.

TREASURER'S REPORT: We need a new Treasurer as Jacqui has now stood down. We took £1200 for the Quiz Night and have received about £400 in donations.

Kaye reported that the next 100 Club draw will be in December. There are 190 shares now; some are expiring; 45 are new shares. The 100 Club balance is £1133.03.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

BSC office/fundraising project. Andy gave an update. Warren's new wooden building, acting as the initial model for what the BSC would like to have, covers an area of about 74 m². It cost £878/m², excluding service charges. For the BSC office, we'd have to include the cost of adding services, so we'd be looking at £950/m² for something like Warren's building. However, Andy thinks the latter won't have a very long life – maybe 20 years. Do we want to help fund something that would have an increased life of 50 years or so and architectural merit or something that goes up really quickly so that they can be in it as soon as poss? Andy has met some of the BSC and they want the building to have a big meeting space and 6 smaller rooms (1 store, 1 admin room for Neil and 4 offices). They'd like it to be circular. Warren is against putting in loos and a kitchen, but if the meeting room was to have dual purpose and be used by other groups outside of

school hours, toilets would have to be included. Andy thinks they'll need 105 m², which works out at £92k unserviced. Circular would be even more expensive so they should be encouraged to go for a rectangular building within which they can make a circular space.

In terms of location, proposed site is between the astro turf and the car park of the sports hall, close to services. Andy prefers the old swimming pool site – more central. We will get ideas from the BSC and try to get the funding to build what they want – can modify later. Andy is meeting county architect about West Pennard school building. Possibility that we can achieve economies of scale if we have something similar. If grant proposals need to have a building design included, Warren's building is the model.

We need a subcommittee for this project and a number of people seem interested. Andy will chair this and pick a date for a meeting, email everyone; whoever turns up will become the subcommittee. Sue will need to be on it. The subcommittee will meet Warren without the BSC students so that parameters can be set within which the students can come up with what they want (scoping meeting?). Foundation School means that we're free to choose contractors etc.

Quiz Night: Feedback was good. In terms of booze, next time have another 12 white wine (Jo to check what we did have), two 70 pint barrels of ale, cider if free (Robin/Dawn may be able to get some), more soft drinks. The raffle was good. Don't need waitress service. Presentation by the BSC was really good. £3 was fine as the fee. Marking system worked really well with Paul overseeing. Pre-booking of tables is preferred next time.

School website: Charlotte will see Ian (?) and sort out linking our page to the school website. Thought that we should say we have Glastonbury volunteers in three areas but not actually specify three teams in case people think we're being greedy.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE 2009–10: Jacqui has retired from the committee so the post of Treasurer needs filling. Di and Jo are happy to stay on again.

		<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Secunder</u>
Chair	Di Harris	Charlotte	Steve
Treasurer	Steve Harris	Steve	Jo
Secretary	Jo Armstrong	Di	Charlotte

Di's husband, Steve, will do the Treasurer role for three months while we find someone else as permanent Treasurer. The two new people attending the meeting agreed to become PTA committee members.

FUTURE EVENTS:

Refreshments at Parents' Evenings: Y12, 12 Nov. – Jo and Kaye; Y10, 19 Nov. – Di and Caroline; Y7, 3 Dec. – Helen and Hilary; Y11, 7 Jan. 2010 – Charlotte and Di. Jo has float.

NEXT MEETING: 12 January 2010, 6.30 pm in the Atom Café, Kennion Hall.