

PTA Meeting
Glory Farm School
Monday 4 October

Those Present: , Elbert Loubser, Julia Card, Jennifer Snape, Vicky Harris, Bex Andrews, Karen Randall, Helen Lune, Jane MacLachlan, Hannah Lyon, Karen Goodwin, Jeremy Turner, Anne-Marie Everett, Carolina Gonzalez, Clare Bold, Shirin McGregor, Allison Diamond-Roberts, Derek Edwards, Fran Heritage, Hannah Felappi, Erin Klotz

Apologies: Paul Ducker

Treasurer Report: None

Elbert began the meeting by stating that he wouldn't continue on as Chairperson. He will, however, stay involved with the PTA. He mentioned the fact that many events were held last year with the Summer Fete being extremely successful. He hopes that we can gain more parent support this school year. Erin agreed and stated that it would be helpful to have more parent volunteers to assist with the various school events.

Elbert then began the process of selecting a treasurer, secretary, and chairperson for this year. Elbert asked for nominations for treasurer. No one put forth a nomination. Elbert provided information as to what is involved in the treasurer role. Allison will consider taking on this role. Erin stated that she is willing to continue as secretary. Anne-Marie seconded this motion and all agreed. Elbert asked for nominations for chairperson. Carolina inquired about the duties involved as chairperson and stated that she would be willing to assume this position with some support from Elbert as he leaves this position. Allison seconded this motion and all agreed. Jeremy stated that he thought it would be a good idea to have a co-chair to share the various responsibilities. Erin agreed and this may be revisited at the next meeting; there were no volunteers for co-chair at this time.

Jeremy thanked Elbert for his efforts during the past few years as chairperson. Everyone acknowledged Elbert's hard work and dedication with a round of applause. Elbert then turned the meeting over to Carolina.

Upcoming Events

Bingo Night-scheduled for Friday, 12 October at 6:30. Elbert said we have enough books, supplies, etc. in place for Bingo. This event can be run at no cost for actual bingo games. Only costs will be refreshments. A flyer was sent home recently requesting donations for prizes.

Halloween Disco-scheduled for Thursday, 25 October

Times: 6:00-7:00 for Reception-Year 3 students

7:15-8:45 for year 4-6 students

Elbert said that Jane Gough will be responsible for decorations. Julia will purchase and sort refreshments with the help of year 5/6 students. Vicky will serve as DJ for this event.

Movie/Shopping Night-scheduled for Friday, 30 November--- After a great deal of thought and much discussion, we have decided that this event will run from 5:00-8:00. This will give parents the chance to complete some Christmas shopping while the children enjoy a movie and popcorn. Vicky has ordered the two movies (one for the older students; one for the younger students) which will be shown. Allison is in charge of organizing popcorn and drinks. Entry cost is £2.50 per student while movie and refreshments are free. Children are encouraged to bring a cushion to sit on; tickets for movie night will be available to purchase the week commencing 26 November after school in the front lobby. Erin will create a flyer to be sent home the week after half term. Anne-Marie, Elbert, and other staff members will be assisting with this event.

Christmas Fayre-scheduled for Friday, 7 December. Elbert has received inquiries from vendors about stalls at the fayre. Elbert will forward this information for Carolina. We will again charge outside vendors £10 per table to sell items at the fayre. Jeremy mentioned the importance of booking the table vendors as soon as possible.

Other Business

Elbert mentioned that that we will need to renew the Glory Farm PTA domain name by paying £7.50. which will keep the domain name active for two more years.

Elbert asked everyone if they were in favor of supporting the Oxfordshire Book Awards. These are awards given which are voted on entirely by children for their favourite books. This year's primary school winners were Good Little Wolf by Nadia Shireen and Gangsta Granny by David Walliams. In addition to Nadia, Gangsta Granny and Horrid Henry illustrator Tony Ross was at the event. The children watched the ceremony and had the chance to ask questions and have books signed. All agreed that the PTA should fully fund this event as it is a wonderful and worthwhile opportunity for students.

Estate Agent Signs-We discussed working with estate agents as they advertise homes. Helping the agents advertise could potentially bring additional funds to our school as we would receive a certain percentage profit once a home is sold. Elbert will look into this and report back at the next meeting.

Anne-Marie inquired about having a 100 club at Glory Farm. Karen stated that a 100 club had been done in years past and monies raised were spent on field trip coaches,

etc. Derek stated that a good amount of work was required to run a 100 club. Anne-Marie will look into this.

Date of next meeting

Wednesday, 7 November at 6:00