

St Andrew's School Association (SASA)

Committee meeting
Thursday 24 June 2021, 8pm

MINUTES OF MEETING

PRESENT:

Helen Reid (Vice-Chair), Vikki Simpson (Communications), Anna Chamberlain (Secretary), Liz Hurren, Nichola Heer, Tetyana Bogdan, Eleanor Cameron, Richard Cohen, Mazz Image, Emily Johnstone, Katie Small, Anita Matadeen, Jen Coppock, Heather Gilpin

1. Welcome & apologies

Apologies received from Jill Horner and Ian Johnstone.

Helen welcomed everyone. It's been a while since the last meeting back in January, and good to meet to make tentative plans for the new school year and to discuss earlier projects. The group were reminded that we're still looking for a committee Chair, and would welcome anyone interested in taking up the role, with the ongoing support of attendees.

2. Minutes

January's minutes were approved.

3. Finances

Given that many regular SASA events were not able to take place this year, it's encouraging to see the bank balance is looking healthy at £6,143.22

Total income: £10,525.78

Total outgoings: £8,1237.19

Income:

- Easyfundraising: £406 (total income to date = £2,810.50 with 72 supporters)
- Amazon Smile: £106 (36 supporters)- *needs more promotion?*
- Young Photographer competition: £174
- Photo calendar: £535
- International recipe book: £1,247
- Christmas Raffle: £1,137
- Xmas crafts: £149
- Second hand uniform: £98
- Bags2School: £117
- Grants/donations: £222

Outgoings:

- Fun Run: £300 (more info below)
- Library: £200
- Classroom monies: £960

Both the cookbook and the calendar were a big success this year.

Nichola thanked the school community for their support in contributing recipes and also purchasing the book. Over 180 copies were sold, with over £1200 raised for the school, and there are approx 20 copies still left for anyone wanting to purchase.

4. Fundraising events:

Calendar/photo competition

The photo competition and calendar was a great mix of fundraising success, with 200 copies sold, and also fostered community spirit, and we look forward to doing it again next year.

Mazz confirmed we're starting the competition earlier this year – it'll be announced in assembly Fri 8th July, to run through the summer holidays. Jude will communicate with next year's incoming Rainbow parents and any new children moving to the school so they have the chance to take part.

Reminders will be sent out the 1st week of Sept at school, and winners announced the 2nd week.

The calendar will be printed and produced before Oct half term. Feedback last year was that some people would have liked to buy it but had already purchased their calendar by the time it was out in December.

The theme this time is: "*Through the Looking Glass*", inspired by 2022 being the "UN International Year of Glass"

Mazz, Emily, Ian & Eleanor are involved in running this event.

International Evening

We hope to be able to run the ever popular International Evening next term. Date TBC, but likely to be on a Friday in mid Sept. Helen to discuss dates with Jude.

Nic offered to lead, with Katie helping.

Fun Run

Thanks were given to Liz for all her hard work in organizing the fun run, which unfortunately has had to be cancelled next month due to the delay in lifting Covid restrictions. The council have allowed us to move the permit, and the mayor has offered to attend the event once a new date has been found. A reduction in the permit cost has been agreed from £300 down to £50.

All preparation has now been done, so the hope is to reschedule for a Sunday in Sept. Exact date TBC.

Christmas Fair

Jill Horner, our wonderful ex-Chair has kindly agreed to oversee the planning of the Christmas Fair, which is usually held the first Sunday in Dec, and asked for helpers to join her, particularly to organize and oversee the craft stall holders, arrange the raffle, and run a craft room. Jen and Eleanor kindly offered to help, and Anita offered her services if needed.

Do contact Jill/Helen/Anna if you can help.

The classes will likely run stalls as before and people will also be required to help run the café. Reps to send a note to parents via Whatsapp nearer the time to recruit helpers.

The plan is to keep it simple and hope it can go ahead.

Second-hand uniform

Vicky Westall is the contact from whom to purchase second-hand uniform, with Heather taking over next year. You can message Vicky via the SASA Facebook page to say what you want, and she can leave it in the office. Payment/donations can be made via Parentpay.

Helen to send an email round reminding people.

Other Ideas:

Jill has been in touch with Louise about a possible Summer Concert – likely to be virtual if it does go ahead.

Coffee mornings for new parents – traditionally the 2nd and 3rd Fridays in Sept. We hope to do it again next school year, possibly in Bury Knowle Park like last time. TBC. Good feedback last time with park seen as less pressured than having on site.

We usually put on the School Disco in Oct and Film Night in Nov. Will discuss in next SASA meeting – could have a bit later in the year.

Bags2School – need to look into date for next contributions to advise parents.

Next Committee Meeting: Thurs 16th Sept – venue TBC (preference expressed by the attendees for it to be in person if possible at school)