

Carmel College PTA AGM Minutes

Tuesday 21st September 2021 – 6:00pm



Apologies: Carol Park (Support Staff), Susan Orsi (Teaching Staff)

Rachael Wilkinson passed on Thanks to Andrew Gardner for the Opening Liturgy

Chairman's and Treasurers Report – Rachael Wilkinson

- Welcome to all members who attended the meeting. After the last 18 months which has been a struggle for everyone including the PTA it is great to be back.
- Carol Park provided members with the Treasurer's Report for both 2019 to 2020 and 2020-2021.
- Rachael commented that funds are healthy and in 2020-2021 the 200 Club was successful bringing in £2354.00. We also received a donation from another PTA after help earlier in the year.
- 2019 to 2020 was a successful year for the PTA with events such as the Christmas Craft Fayre and 24 Hour Musical bringing in money.
- After donating Wetsuits to the Carmel Sailing Club the PTA have had no new requests for financial support lately. If anyone has any ideas of what the PTA could fund please make us aware
- After no events for the past 18 months the PTA are looking into re-starting events this year.

Election of Officers for 2021/2022

Chairperson: Julie Watson (Parent) nominated, seconded by Rachael Wilkinson and Siobhan McEvoy

Vice Chairmen: Judith Grant (Parent) and Rachael Wilkinson (Teacher) nominated, seconded by Julie Watson

Treasurer: Carol Park (Support Staff)

Secretary: Jordon Harston (Support Staff)

After stepping down as Chairperson Mike Shorten passed on his thanks to Rachael Wilkinson for her time as Chair of the PTA.

Christmas Fayre – Jane Saunders

- Jane informed members that the Christmas Fayre for 2021 had been cancelled. As planning and preparation takes around 6 months it was decided not to go ahead.
- Jane is already in contact with the 80/90 storeholders to discuss requirements for next year and to make it bigger and better than ever.
- Possibility of opening up more of the school to allow different areas for example a demonstration area.
- If anyone has any ideas for the Christmas Fayre please let Jane know.

Christmas Craft Night:

- Rachael Wilkinson announced that there would be a Wreath Making night on Monday 6th December (Date TBC). This will be run by Pauline Smith (Support Staff)
- Looking at selling 20 tickets for £20.00 with mince pie and wine.
- Rachael to ask for the possibility of taking cuttings at Carmel College on the weekend before to save material cost.
- Members mentioned that the popular St Augustine's Parish Centre Wreath Making may not be going ahead this year. Due to this there could be a possibility for a couple of nights and run this in collaboration with the Parish Centre.

Carmel's Got Talent:

- We are hopeful that Carmel's Got Talent will run again this year.
- Suggestions for a different date were made due to previous cancellations regarding weather however no compromise was found.
- The date will stay in February however will have a backup date in case of inclement weather.

AOB:

- Christmas Liturgy will take place on Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th December – PTA have been asked to assist with giving out Wine and Mince Pies during the interval.
- Rachael opened the floor up to ask for any further ideas. Mike Shorten suggested that the focus for the PTA should be regular small events to build up membership and community aspect of the PTA rather than fundraising.

Ideas for possible events are as follows:

- Year 7 Bonfire Night Disco – To take place the week after half term (4th November in the Christmas Fayre slot). PTA will run a sweet stall as well as Hot Dogs. A token system will be used for the food and drink
- Seasonal Craft Making Nights – Easter Garlands etc
- Gin Night – Julie Watson knows of new supplier based in Darlington. Going to contact to find out costings and availability
- Cooking Evening – Use Carmel's food room to conduct an evening of learning how to cook different foods etc.
- Comedy Evening – Mike Shorten suggested holding a Comedy/Entertainment Evening. Potential to ask local acts to come in and perform.
- Peru – Tony Graham advised that he is hoping to re-start the Peru trip and asked the PTA for support. Possibility of running a bar etc on an evening around St Patrick's Day.
- Lourdes – Andrew Gardner asked regarding the possibility of support for the Lourdes pilgrimage if this is to go ahead due to COVID-19 Guidelines and Restrictions.

