



The Carrington Schools Parent Teacher Association

Fundraising for the Infant and Junior Schools

Registered Charity No. 1102086



Minutes of the PTA AGM held on Wednesday 9th October 2019

Carrington Junior School 7.30pm

In attendance: Mrs Morrison, Mrs Majcher, Kelly Williams, Lucy Firth (Chair), Anne-Marie West (Treasurer), Kim Spencer (Secretary), Rowena Croft (Vice Chair), Mark Nunn.

1. Welcome

Lucy welcomed everyone to the 2019 AGM.

2. Chairs Report & PTA Activities & Event Highlights

The core PTA team will remain for 2019/20.

Thank you to all of our volunteers throughout the year who made fundraising events possible. Including all of the class reps, parents, grandparents, carers, neighbours, friends, teachers and TA's who support, sponsor, donate and contribute to our events throughout the year. We have sensed a renewed enthusiasm to support PTA efforts and would like to give an extra special thank you to;

- Kate Haynes for supporting the newsletter and summer fair,
- Jo Sidley for organising the panto tickets,
- Mark and Ricarda Nunn for 'Mark's Bar' and school discos,
- Lynsday Hale for running the infants Christmas Party,
- Anne-Marie Kasser for school tea towels,
- Sarah Caverhill and Jo Bristow for the circus,
- Matt and Ann Willis our BBQ king and queen,
- Hannah Issac for the summer fair and splendid grand raffle.

We welcome any additional members such as communications and specific event coordinators. If you are interested in joining the PTA, please reach out to anyone of us for more information.

In 2018/19 we raised £17,984 through existing and new initiatives. Half of this was from our two main events.

- The village fireworks £4,200
- The summer fair £5,257

Both of these are heavily reliant on parent/carers volunteers.



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Other fundraising events included;

- The PTA lottery £1,087
- EasyFundraising £260
- The 2 school discos £1,630
- Panto ticket sales £2,083
- Happy Circus £1,277

3. Review of Accounts 2018/19

The junior school received £10,243.70 funding and the Infants received £7,727.71 in the 2018/19 accounts.

Mrs Majcher and Mrs Morrison are very pleased with the funds raised by the PTA and gave thanks for all our support and efforts in 2018/19. They are delighted with the library and sensory garden which would not have been possible without the support of the PTA.

Easyfundraising and Amazon Smile was highlighted as an opportunity where we can maximise fundraising with low input. We agreed we would promote this further in 2019 with the help of both schools.

4. Future Spending plans

Mrs Majcher & Mrs Morrison outlined the proposed schools spending for the upcoming year.

The junior school would like to invest in visualisers for each classroom which allow the teaching staff to enlarge source materials, pictures and 3D objects and present them to the class on a large screen. The PTA are delighted to support this project. (~£600 per visualiser and 9 to be purchased)

The junior school are also working hard to raise funds for a new garden to celebrate their Diamond year. The PTA will help fund and support this project as well as supporting the new library software service charge (~£1000) and continue to pay for the coach for the year 6 residential trip (~£1000).

In the infant school, Mrs Morrison would like to continue the work in the sensory garden and forest school as well as purchase some more ipads and case. They are also keen to get on board an inhouse Art resident to help the child get creative. Again, the PTA are delighted to help support these plans.

5. Future events



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Children's School Disco - Dave the disco booked for 24th October, Halloween fancy dress optional. £4.50 payable on arrival. Candy treat for all children will be handed out when they leave.

Village Fireworks - will take place on 2nd November. We are looking for volunteers to help with the set up and clear down. We also need volunteer marshals. All helpers will be given a free entry to the event. Mark confirmed he will be managing the bar again this year. Tickets are available online and can also be purchased in both schools. Representatives from both schools needed for guy judging. Mr Talbot and Infant Governors Chair agreed.

Christmas Panto - will take place on 13th December. Ticket sales have gone well but are now closed.

Christmas infants party/potential Christmas fundraiser - Lynsday Hale will be coordinating this event once again and will be reaching out to parents nearer the time with the details.

The Flackwell Heath Residents Association christmas lights switch is happening on the 30th November. We will be raising funds at the events and are currently discussing ideas.

Christmas cards/tea towels - we are taking a break from school tea towels but details on how to order your Christmas cards have been sent out in the book bags.

Family Portrait day - booked for Saturday 23rd November. Details to follow shortly.

6. AOB

The 2020 summer fayre is scheduled to take place on 4th July 2020. Please share with us your ideas and suggestions for this event.

The next school disco is penciled in for 2nd April 2020.

Potential new fundraising ideas - outside event, car boot sale, adult social.



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Annual General Meeting Chair's Report October 2019 – Lucy Firth

Welcome everyone and thank you for coming to this evening's AGM. The AGM is the only formal meeting of the year for the PTA and deals with the formalities of committee elections, financial audits, reviews and plans for the future. I am delighted to let you know that the core team will remain but we welcome any additional members such as communications and specific event coordinators.

I would like to take a moment to acknowledge and thank the current PTA committee: Rowena Croft -Vice chair, Anne-Marie West -Treasurer and Kim Spencer -Secretary. I would like to thank all our volunteers throughout the year who made fundraising events possible. Kate Haynes for supporting the newsletter and summer fair; Jo Sidley for organising the panto tickets; Mark and Ricarda Nunn for 'Mark's Bar' and school discos; Lyndsay Hale for running the Infants christmas party; Anne-Marie Kassar for school tea towels; Sarah Caverhill/Jo Bristow for the circus, Matt and Ann Willis our BBQ king and queen, and Hannah Issac for the summer fair and splendid grand raffle. And it goes without saying, a big thank you to all of the class reps, parents, grandparents, carers, neighbours, friends, teachers and TA's who support, sponsor, donate and contribute to our events throughout the year. I stopped counting when I got to over 100 individuals who have volunteered their time to raise funds for the schools in 2018-2019. There remains a core of parent helpers and wider engagement is always welcome. Reinstating the class reps was invaluable for running the class stalls at the summer fair although some still reported they struggled to get sufficient helpers.

This year has been a great year for fundraising. We have sensed a renewed enthusiasm to support PTA efforts. The community has raised £17,984 through existing and new initiatives. Half of this was from our two main events; the village fireworks and bonfire (£4,200) (with Scouts and Juniper) and our summer fair (£5,257). Both of these are heavily reliant on parent/carers volunteers. The PTA lottery, a new initiative set up and run by Anne-Marie has raised £1,087 and also the reinvigorating of Easyfundraising bringing in £260. The two school discos and panto ticket sales remain low input, high return source of income. This year we hosted Happy's Circus again, despite the rain we raised (£1,277).

We are pleased with how Classlist has enabled us to engage with the Carrington community and it has helped with recruiting helpers although we recognise we still require the book-bag letters to capture everyone for major events. We estimate about 1/2 of the tickets sold for circus and panto were purchased through classlist/paypal. This is a useful functionality of the app.



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The PTA has continued to support school events such as refreshments at Christmas shows and Christmas and Easter in-school raffles. Better coordination between school and PTA raffle initiatives to raise funds would be appreciated. This year we will focus only on the Summer Fayre Raffle.

Evidenced by the failure of the Casino Night and Junior School's Diamond Disco, organising events for the adult school community remains challenge and open for discussion if we should pursue any kind of adult social event.

We also supported the Flackwell Heath Residents Association Fete by attending the annual village fete offering splat the rat as an activity raising £103.

Expenditure

The funds raised 2017-2018 gave the infants and junior school £4,654.60 and £6,410.94 to spend respectively. For the junior school the main contribution was towards the library refurbishment (£5460.94). We shared photos on Classlist which had a great response. The year 6 coach for their residential was also supported.

For the infants we continued to support forest school, funded books including a selection for more able readers, the chick hatching kits and initial ground works for the sensory garden.

We look forward to spending the funds raised in 2018-2019 in this school year and will continue in our best efforts to raise funds to support our children's education at Carrington's in 2019-2020.