



Apologies for absence: M Regan, Pauline Smith,

Chairmen's Report- Jane Bower

- Warmest welcome to all those attending the meeting, especially the new parents of Year 7 children.
- Thanks given to Fr. Greg for the mass and Miss Regan and Mr Shorten for their continued support of the PTA.
- A special thanks given to Eve Hannaford who retired this year, her commitment to the PTA in her time at Carmel has been absolute and it will be a big miss without her. Eve received a gift from the PTA for all her amazing support.
- JB explained that the PTA has been concentrating on developing new events as well as continuing the rolling programme of annual events which as always have appeared popular and successful. New events include the Steve McLaren night and the second year of "Carmel's got Talent" were very successful and enjoyed by all.

Treasurers Report- Carol Park

- Details of the PTA account were distributed with a verbal report from Carol Park.
- The largest fundraiser was the Christmas Fayre raising over £2400, with Carmel's got Talent coming second raising over £1000.
- The summer and Christmas fayres were noted to not have made as much profit as last year however, profit would have been larger if an issue with supplying last year's first prize did not need rectifying.
- CP discussed how the PTA has donated £25,000 to buy a new mini bus. This mini bus is vital to ensuring all children are able to access outside of school opportunities. It is wheelchair accessible as well as being classed as a "lightweight" vehicle meaning all staff can drive the bus.

Election of Offices

Chairperson- Jane Bower (Staff) nominated seconded by Carol Park and Caroline Walker.

Deputy (vice) Chairperson- Caroline Walker (Parent), Sara Crawshaw (Staff), Mr Oliver (Parent).

Treasurer- Carol Park (Staff).

Secretary- Eve Hannaford regrettably, since retiring, will not be continuing the post but will always be a friend and supporter of the PTA. Nominated Rachael Hardcastle (Staff) and seconded by Jane Bower. Lisa Marsh (Staff) also nominated and seconded by Caroline Walker.

Up and coming Events

- JB discussed the up and coming event of Prom and Vintage Fayre, an event which will support local business. Dress shops, charity shops, beauticians, prom transport and hairdresser are all booked for the event and is set to be a fantastic new edition to the PTA event programme. If any parents know of any businesses that might be interested please email rhardcastle@carmel.org.uk for more details. Similarly if parents and friends of Carmel could help advertise this new event, details will be on the Carmel Facebook and posters are available on request.
- Sue Gatenby discussed the Christmas Fayre. Christmas Fayre will be on the 3rd of November this year. Parents present at the PTA were asked to sell 10 tickets to help support the PTA. If unsold tickets could be returned to reception please.
- Next PTA will be on the 4th October 6.00pm in the community room.
- A request made by CP, if you do not receive a Carmel email by October 16th then please email her at cpark@carmel.org.uk to double check your email as some can bounce back.