

Minutes of Fund Raising Sub-Group
Madras Parent Council
15.1.2008 7pm

Present

Mary Scott
Alison Scott
Fiona Roger
Gillian Bowman
Marjory Finlay
Katie Pitman
Alex Slawin
Ian Green

Apologies

Angela Hodge
Jo Wright
Henry Paul
Lyn Hynd
Phil Williams
Rebecca Bransby
Alistair Black
Adam Alexander

Mary welcomed all to the meeting, the first of the newly formed sub-group.

1. Following the last PTA meeting when decisions were made regarding the use of the remaining funds, a cheque for £4450 in total had been sent to Madras in November for division amongst the various recipients. So far a Thank You letter has been received from the Rector, but there has been no acknowledgement from the departments awarded funds. In addition, £200 has been set aside for the forthcoming Burns Supper. This leaves approx £1200 for transfer to the new account. The new bank forms are ready and now just waiting for Adam Alexander to go in to finalise.

2. There was discussion about the money that pupils paid for their lockers. Some pupils will have paid £15 by the end of their 3 years at Kilrymont. Where does this money go? This led to an aside about the recent “near miss” which occurred in the locker area when a tower of lockers toppled over. Fortunately no-one was hurt.

3. The meeting on Internet safety for parents has been re-scheduled for Thursday 24th Jan in the Staff Room. It will be advertised in the Citizen on the Madras Diary page this week and Katy will also try to get flyers out to all pupils to take home. It was a unanimous decision not to do catering for this event as the Community café will still be open.

4. 50:50 licence is sorted out and club up and running.

5. The new sub-group is hopeful that more parents will come along to the meetings in the future. Mary had also emphasised to Mr. Jones the importance of teacher input as it was found to be extremely beneficial in the previous PTA. We wondered whether Mrs Seeley (Miss Grubb) might be interested? Are we permitted to co-opt non-parent members?

6. Henry Paul had sent Mary info about a Mobile Phone Recycling Scheme. For each phone recycled, the school would receive £2.50. Recycling bags are provided, SIM cards should be removed, the battery but not the charger is required. The committee agreed that this would be a relatively easy way to raise money. Mary will look into sending out an

envelope with information to each family in the next school mailing. Further envelopes would be available from the school offices.

7. Further suggestions for fundraising:

There was quite a lot of enthusiasm for a ceilidh with an auction. Ian Green had been on the organising committee along with Henry Paul when Greyfriars Primary held one last year. It was very successful and there had been many novel and exciting auction prizes. The group had lots of ideas for auction prizes and will ask the rest of the Parent Council for input. Ian will look into the possibility of using the school music dept to provide a band and Marjorie will sound out some local restaurants/pubs for help with catering and a bar. A PROVISIONAL date has been set for 14th March but this does not give us a great deal of time. For further discussion at the end of next weeks meeting.

Another idea for later in the year is a Race Night.

8. Finally a card had been received from Mr. Mathieson with his thanks for the retiral gift given by parents via the PTA.

Meeting closed 9pm