**Friends of St. Joseph and St. James’s Meeting Minutes**

**Date: 28th February 2019**

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| **Present:** | **Apologies:** |
| Pauline McEvoy Sharon Watters  Grainne Doran Therese Farthing  Mary Magowan Margaret Savage  Alan Hudson Helen Hamill | Martina Grew  Irena Twohig |

1. **Minutes of previous meeting**

Minutes of previous meeting on 20th November 2018 were read and noted to be correct.

1. **Financial accounts.**

The account balance is £2941.76

**3. Treasurer and Credit Union**

Orla Cunningham has signed the required letter to change the signatories on the account. Therese Farthing and Helen Hamill need to go to the credit union in order to complete the process of changing the signatories on the account. Helen Hamill has agreed to use her address for all correspondences from the credit union.

**4. Charity Donation 2017/2018**

Pauline McEvoy had provided Therese with the expired £100 cheque for The Kevin Bell Repatriation Trust cheque. A new cheque will be obtained after the change of signatories on the account.

**5.** **Online Booking System for Afterschool**

Pauline McEvoy advised that parents have given positive feedback in relation to the use of the new ParentPay system. This will be rolled out to all parents by the end of the year.

**6. Pub Quiz**

The annual pub quiz is booked in Rice’s for 29th March 2019. Therese Farthing will put a post on Facebook to remind parents of this event. Therese is to send this post to Pauline McEvoy who will add this information to the school website. Parents are going to be asked to donate prizes for the raffle.

**7. Big Breakfast**

The Playgroup has had a big breakfast during this academic year. In the interest of good community relations the committee decided to shelve this idea until 2019/20.

**8. Easy Fundraising**

Helen Hamill is trying to update the details on the Easy fund raising account as Ursula Garvey is still the named contact.

**9. Christmas Carol Service Raffle**

The Christmas raffle raised a total of £1512. This was a great success and the committee agreed to follow the same format next year.

**10.** **Collection Buckets**

Helen Hamill suggested that the committee purchase collection buckets. The two buckets that we did have seem to have gone missing. Alan Hudson advised that he would allow us to use his ‘Chest, Heart and Stroke’ donation buckets should they be required.

**11. Holy Communion**

Holy Communion is on the 12th May. Pauline McEvoy is going to send a letter to P4 parents to ascertain if they want to have tea in Poyntzpass or Mullaghbrack. Pauline McEvoy needs to confirm that the hall in Mullaghbrack would be available for use on the 12th May should that be the choice.

**12. Easter Raffle**

The Easter raffle will be held again this year. Therese Farthing will source 14 Easter eggs. There will be two Easter egg prizes for each class. Pauline McEvoy will organise the actual raffle and sale of the tickets.

**13. PATHS**

A £1000 cheque is to be given to school for the PATHS programme. Helen Hamill and Therese Farthing are going to organise the cheque. Pauline McEvoy would appreciate if the cheque could be lodged into the schools account by the end of March as this is the end of the financial year.

**14. DISCO**

The school disco will be held in June. Therese Farthing will speak to Liam about the availability of the parish hall.

**15. Joint Event with Poyntzpass Primary School**

The funding for the Shared Education Programme between St Joseph and St James PS and Poyntzpass PS concludes at the end of this school year. Pauline McEvoy did confirm that the schools will continue to work together in the future. It is expected that there will be a joint fundraising event before the end of the school year. More details of this will be provided in the future.

**16. Collection of coins and change**

Helen Hamill raised the idea of pupils bringing in loose change. Mary Magowan suggested that this should not happen to after lent, as family loose change would normally be donated to the Trocaire boxes. Helen Hamill suggested that the class that raised the most money from bringing in loose change could get a treat. Therese Farthing has put a note in her calendar for the 7th May to remind us of this fund raising idea.

**17. Trip to Kildare Village**

Margaret Savage raised the idea of having a trip to Kildare Village. This proved to be a very successful fundraising event for another primary school. This would be an ideal trip for late December/early November 2019. Therese Farthing has added a note to her calendar for the 2nd September 2019 to remind us of this fund raising idea.

**18. Bingo**

The Bingo night held in November 2017 was successful and it was an enjoyable night. The possibility of running another Bingo night was discussed. This will be considered further at the next meeting. The Community hall would be an ideal location for this event.

**19. Confirmation**

Confirmation is on the 4th June 2019 in Tandragree. Therese Farthing discussed the possibility of the committee assisting with this event.

**20. Next Meeting**

TBC