

Carmel PTA
27 February 2007
7.00 pm Staff Room

Present – Carol Storey, David Jasper (Chair), Simon Hannaford, Sue Johnson, Martin Wood, Simon Hannaford, Tony Smith, Margaret Brewenan, Christine Brown

Apologies – Clare MacSherry, Eve Hannaford, Andrea Smith

1. Carmel Rhythm Club

There was poor attendance at the last two gigs - Connie Lush and Paul Lamb and the King Snares. This was partly due to competition with gigs at the Arts Centre and the Forum and on Saturday a popular event at the Civic Theatre. Simon reported that we had probably made a loss. It was suggested that we might make more out of the bigger named bands even though they cost more in terms of outlay.

Members were confident that we will make money from the St Patrick's Night Ceilidh and the next gig, Nine Below Zero, but it was agreed that we should seek to promote the gigs more.

Simon has attracted interest from local bands with strong followings to play as support bands in forthcoming gigs including for example a nine piece band – Atlantic Soul – who are prepared to play for £200.

Nine below tickets selling well. The cost of the band has gone up but so has the price of the tickets. Local band Sugar Bees will support. Only a few tickets left for the Ceilidh

Carol was concerned that some bands were claiming drinks on their hotel bills. It was agreed that it would be made clear that drinks were not to be covered in the accommodation costs.

Helpers are needed for setting up on Friday 16 from 1.30 pm

Simon to get 6th formers to help at the Ceilidh as many of the regular volunteers want to attend the event.

We need to restock the bar – 1 litre bottles from Marks and Spencers would offer good value.

Also need to clear out drinks from fridges and cupboard on Sunday after the Ceilidh and leave empty for Lourdes race night.

Jewellery collection

David Jasper reported that he had ordered envelopes for a jewellery recycling fund raising scheme that had been advertised in the magazine from NCPTA. Envelopes will be circulated to parents through the students.

Recipe books

Another fund raising exercise that is being explored is the production of a recipe book which would be available for sale to friends and relatives. Simon suggested that there were already proposals for an international recipe book and that he would find out more and liaise with those involved.

The recipe book could be made available at the Christmas Fayre or possibly as a Mother's Day or Easter gift.

Bag to school

Next collection is at 11 am Wed 18th April – please get bags in on 17th or early on 18th April.

Yellow Moon Catalogue

Yellow Moon Catalogues are going to be circulated to students (Yrs 7 – 9). The PTA will make 25% on any orders.

X Factor Show

The Music Department is organising an X Factor for the students – building on the open mic evening. The PTA is not involved.

Race night for Lourdes

The Lourdes Group is organising a race night on 23 March (academic mentoring day)

We have agreed to let them use the PTA bar but will move our stock out of the store room.

Online training course for fund raising

Jan Williams (fundraiser) attended the last meeting. The PTA has agreed to fund two places on an online course for staff or PTA members but not heard back from Jan. Martin Wood to chase Jan.

AOB

None

Date and time of next meeting

Wed 18th April at 7:00 pm