
St Edward's School Association Meeting Minutes 10th May 2016

Meeting Held: St Edward's School Poole Main Meeting Room at 7.30pm

Present

Mark Townend (Chair)	John Redwood (Treasurer)
Julie Caines (Vice Chair)	Marie Lane
Juliette Johnson (Secretary)	Robert Stanley

Welcome

Mark opened the meeting at 7.32pm with a welcome to all.

Apologies

Apologies received from Mary Lanham, Teresa Stanley and Simon Dunk.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed, agreed and signed by the Chair Mark Townend.

Finance

John advised that as there had been no changes since the previous meeting the balance remains as £4,547.49:
Balance in the bank: £3,964.04. Balance in cash: £583.45

Financial Bids

Marie Lane advised that since the last meeting where it was agreed to pay £750.00 towards a hardship fund for activity week the school has decided to close earlier than usual. The reason for this was because there were a couple of inset days that needed to be taken and as a result it was decided not to run an activity week this year. Marie needed to know what we wanted to do with the money we had agreed to pay towards the fund but also advised that she did have three new bids the details of which are as follows.

- The Learning Centre and English Department were bidding for £60.00 to purchase cinema tickets as prizes for students in years 7 & 8 who had participated in a reading challenge set by the Learning Centre. There were various stages to this challenge whereby students had to read certain books or articles and afterwards they had to answer set questions as proof they had read it. Students who successfully completed the challenge were then going to have their names added into one of six raffles and a winner would be drawn from each raffle with a £10.00 cinema voucher offered as the prize. Members of the Association thought this was a good idea to promote reading and understanding and agreed to match the bid in full.
- The second request was from the Music Department who were looking to purchase a new Yamaha Piano with a stand at a cost of £379.00. The new piano would be an excellent replacement for what was currently used and would give better sound quality for use in lessons and school productions. This bid was again fully supported by the Association.
- The final bid was made by Nicole Dearden on behalf of the Gardening Club whose greenhouse was recently damaged beyond repair and as a result vegetables pupils had been growing were destroyed. The Gardening Club was hoping to replace this greenhouse with a new one at a cost of £250.00 which would allow students to see the benefits of growing their own food. Members of the Association decided to exceed the amount bid for by contributing £300.00 to the Gardening Club which would pay for a new greenhouse and allow them to buy some new seeds and plants.

As all the bids were supported it was decided that the £750.00 originally agreed to pay towards the hardship fund would now be diverted to pay for the three new bids received.

School Association Events

Summer Fayre 18.06.16 – See supplementary minutes for the meeting dated 24.05.16 which relates purely to the Summer Fayre and gives an up to date report of what was discussed and where we currently are.

Christmas Shopping and Pamper Evening 17.11.16 – Julie Caines advised that she was putting a guide together as to how she organises this and no further action was required at this time.

Communication

Juliette reported that there were no communication issues to be discussed.

Any Other Business

- Next meeting is to be held on 24th May which will relate solely to the summer fayre.

Meeting Concluded

Mark Townend closed the meeting at 9.10 pm.