

**CHEW VALLEY SCHOOL SOCIETY (PTA)**

**Annual General Meeting**

**Minutes**

*Thursday 20th October 2022*

*7pm. The Barn at The Pelican Inn, Chew Magna*

**In Attendance:**

Alyson Worthington, Penny Rowlands, Julie Seeley, Deborah Elsom, Laura Cannon

**1. Apologies**

Gareth Beynon, Helga Bradbury, Lucy Pover, Angela Cruse

Mr Beynon, Head Teacher, was unable to attend but wanted to thank the PTA for all they do. Julie Seeley updated us on the benches for the outside area which the PTA paid for and said it has made a huge difference to the children's lunchtimes. She also said the £700 per department made a huge difference, with all the staff really buzzing about their new equipment.

**2. Acceptance of Minutes of last year's meeting**

**3. Chair's Report**

Thank you all for taking the time to join us to attend the meeting. It is appreciated.

**The Society's Vision – The Power of Three**

- ✚ **Marketing** - To keep raising the profile of the Society so all parents understand who we are and what we do – Facebook, Twitter, newsletters and presence at events.
- ✚ **500 Club** - Keep selling tickets for the 500 Club. Last year was tough as face to face gets the most sign ups but Covid restricted that. We have sold 293 tickets. We are also noticing that families that have left Chew Valley School are still supporting the lottery.
- ✚ **Bids** - Support the school financially, allowing teachers the extras to make their classes really special.

**Last Years Overview**

- ✚ We kept people informed through the Society FB page. To continue regularly using the Society FB page to keep people informed of what we are doing. We currently have 394 followers.
- ✚ We have helped the school process the lost property by collecting it, photographing it for FB and recycling when possible.
- ✚ Thank you to Helga for many hours of hard work with the second hand uniform shop. This has proved a great fundraiser.
- ✚ We missed supporting the school and parents with refreshments as the school moved online due to Covid restrictions.
- ✚ We were pleased to be able to hold the Harvest Home crepe stall and Quiz Night last year but the Bingo was missed due to high Covid rates so lost a part of our fundraising yearly total.
- ✚ Luckily, we have the 500 Club that brings in a monthly income. Thank you to all those in the community who support it.

**This Year?**

We have already had our Crepe and Butty stall at the Harvest Home which raised around £335. We have dates in the diary for the Bingo and Quiz Night. We will be holding a meeting afterwards to discuss any other ideas for this year.

**The Team**

Thanks to all the staff at Chew Valley School, but special mentions for the Facilities, Reception, Catering, Reprographics & Senior Leadership Teams

A BIG thank you to the committee for all their hard work, efforts and support last year –Wendy Sims, , Deborah Elsom, Angela Cruse, Nicki Taber, Lucy Pover, Kate Miller, Lu Willson, Sam Grainger, Sam Notley, Hannah Byrne, Julie Seeley, Helga Bradbury and Anita Beardsley.

Goodbye and thank you to Wendy, Nicki

Welcome to Bryony Skipworth, Alyson Worthington, Karen Heverin and Hannah Newport-Rose.

We need to vote in the Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. Laura has offered to be Secretary and Deborah has offered to be Treasurer. Thank you so much to you both.

*Penny Rowlands*

#### **4. Treasurers Report**

##### **See full report as attached document**

In summary – We were able to offer each department £700 to spend on items to enhance the school experience.

We also made donations towards the outside areas and ringfenced funds for Marmion House.

We asked Julie for ideas on what to spend donations on this year.

There are many potential projects we can pick from.

- Potentially, assisting in finishing off the library refurbishment. They would like to have zones with soft seating for quiet areas.
- The outside benches have been so successful that the school would like to provide more similar seating for breaktimes and outdoor lessons.
- The English block is now nearly finished, and there is a planned refurbishment of DT.
- Toilets continue to be the big project that needs doing but to replace throughout the school is likely to be over £100K.
- A shelter at the front of the old school would be really useful to stop the children getting wet if it is raining when they are queuing for lunch.
- One member asked about wellbeing areas – a place for children to have time out if things are difficult. The Marmion House project will provide some of this and we continue to support separate fundraising for Marmion House.

It was agreed that some committee members would go on a tour of the school with Mr Beynon and Julie to see the potential projects, feed back suggestions to the group and decide how to allocate this year's resources.

#### **5. Re-Election/ Election of officers**

- Chair – Penny Rowlands - Laura Cannon nominated, Alyson Worthington seconded
- Secretary – Laura Cannon - Penny Rowlands nominated, Julie Seeley seconded
- Treasurer – Deborah Elsom - Laura Cannon nominated, Alyson Worthington seconded
- Vice-Chair – vacant

We put out an invitation to stand for Vice-Chair on the group and had no volunteers. Therefore we voted to amend our constitution to remove the position of Vice-Chair and this new constitution will be brought for approval at the next meeting.

#### **6. Any Other Business**

We need to do a recruitment drive for new members for succession planning.

Auction of Promises. This is to raise funds for Marmion House. The auction will be online and will go live in the first week of Term 4 2023 and will close on 30<sup>th</sup> June. The school is organising it and has already secured some prizes. We will assist with publicity and any other organising required.

Bingo Night – two possible callers were identified. As there are other events in the valley on all appropriate dates this term, we have decided to hold it in late January - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January

Quiz night - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April

#### **Date of Next AGM & Meeting**

The date of the next AGM will be as always held in Term 1 2023 – date TBC