

Chew Valley School Society

Meeting Minutes

Monday 14 January 2019, 7.30pm

Present:

Penny Rowlands	Chair
Nicola Ainger	Vice Chair
Wendy Sims	Treasurer
Ally Laing	Secretary

Committee:

Angela Cruse, Deborah Elsom, Nikki Taber, Vicki Payne, Kate Rowlands, Katie Kingdon, Caroline Perrett and Sarah Warburton.

Apologies:

Lucy Pover and Sam Warnecke.

Chairman's welcome:

Penny welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the CVSS 2019. And there was a special welcome from the team for Sarah Warburton who was attending for the first time.

Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes were accepted as accurate.

Financial Update:

- Santa Scramble and Family Bingo events both made a profit.
- The donation from the 10K run had been received.
- Additional donations were received, raised through Easy Fundraising and standing orders. Appeals for more standing orders has seen more sign-ups, when compared with the same period last year.
- Wendy requested an additional signatory from within the committee. Nicola said she would be happy to do this.

Action:

Nicola to complete signatory form and send to the Treasurer.

Events Update:

- **Santa Scramble.** The event went well. The CVSS refreshment tent was in a great spot. It was busy, and all the wonderful marshals were fed for free. Numbers were down, because of the weather but we made a profit. We agreed we'd do the event again as it was well worth it.
- **Bingo.** The event was a sell-out and the hall was packed with 136 attending. Holding it on a Thursday worked. Quite a lot of children attended this time too. The bingo caller, Lorraine, was excellent and the evening length was better. Raffle donations were generous. A huge success!

Action:

All remember that next year we should sell wine and we need to get more snacks.

- **Carol Service.** Penny thanked those members who were able to come along to serve mince pies and mulled wine. The event was lovely and well attended.

Forthcoming Events:

- **Quiz Night.** Much discussion took place about this event, including the change of day, the food served, publicity and purchase of drinks.

In summary:

Date – CVSS were excited by the change of day to a Friday as it offered the potential to have a curry or chilli night, rather than Ploughman's cold platter (which involved a lot of work behind the scenes for the committee). Prices were to be obtained for a curry from Chew Kitchen, and a chilli from Bumble Bee Foods. Publicity - It was agreed CVSS would set up an Eventbrite account to manage the ticket sales. Ally would take this on. Tickets will also be available from the school office this year until people got used to migrating to Eventbrite. In addition to this, a poster would be developed and regular Facebook notifications to be issued. A Doodle Poll would check availability of volunteers.

Actions:

Penny/Katie to obtain price comparisons for both a curry and chilli.

Ally to look into Eventbrite, and set it up. Ally to also let Chamber of Trade know about event and ask them to spread the word.

Wendy to sort a poster design.

Nicola volunteered to distribute posters, and to call Butcombe Brewery for bottled beer prices. Nicola will also issue a Doodle Poll nearer the time, for volunteers on the night.

Penny to post Facebook adverts about the Quiz Night.

Caroline to look at pricing-up and purchasing wine for the event.

All keep in contact in the run-up to the quiz via the WhatsApp Group.

- **May Fete.** Some members of the committee asked about the possibility of resurrecting the school's popular May Fete, held at the school some years ago. Kate said she'd make enquiries.

Action:

Kate to speak with previous May Fete organisers – would a similar event be viable in the future?

Lost Property:

An ongoing task! Lots of coats seem to be collected. All valuable items will be photographed and loaded onto Facebook. If not claimed, they will be sold on Ebay (with funds going back into school via the CVSS) or taken to charity. Uniform items are laundered and then sold at events such as Parents' Evenings, to raise funds.

Smile Amazon:

It was agreed that the CVSS would continue to look for, and promote, fundraising schemes as and when we discover them. This includes the likes of Easy Fundraising and the Smile Amazon scheme (where 0.5% of purchases can be donated to a nominated charity).

CVSS Marketing:

Some ideas about a strapline for the society were briefly discussed, including 'enhancing our school, improving our children'.

Applications for funding:

The CVSS received two requests to approve two sets of funding.

- Student revision sessions (Easter) **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**
- Centurion and Carnegie Awards for young readers (Key Stage 3 Library Service) **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

AOB:

All agreed it would be good to get another standing order/Easy Fundraising promotion letter out. Penny suggested it might be nice coming from Gareth Beynon. Kate said she'd pass on the message.

Action:

Kate to see if Gareth would like to draft a letter for our next standing order/Easy Fundraising push.

Date of Next Meeting:

The date of the next meeting will be held on **Monday 4th March 2019**, at **7.30pm**.

If interested in attending, please contact cvschoolsociety@outlook.com