

Minutes of Maynooth BNS PTA Meeting 7th Sept 2010

No.	Item	Action
	<p>Previous Minutes The minutes of the previous meeting on 1st June 2010 were proposed and seconded.</p>	
1.0	Matters Arising	
1.1	No matters from the last meeting were discussed.	
2.0	Treasurer's Report	
2.1	The present balance is €870.	
2.2	<p>Requests: No requests were made It would be very beneficial to get an additional multi-seat island for the IT room so that every boy in the school would have their own access to a pc. Financial help may be requested in the future.</p>	
2.3	<p>Voluntary Contribution: It was pointed out that the number of families who paid the voluntary contribution last year was the same as the previous year, despite the drop to €50/family. This halved the PTA's funding. It was asked if it was worth amending the voluntary contribution to €100/family. Some believed that this should not be done. Following a long discussion opinion was split but no decision was made.</p>	
3.0	Public Relations Officer Report	
	No report made	
4.0	AOB	
4.1	<p>It was decided to hold the AGM on Wed 6th October. Suggestions for the guest speaker topic were 'Internet Safety', 'Paediatric First Aid' and 'Homework without hassle'. The speakers for the AGM will be sourced. It was suggested that the importance of being vigilant with respect to allergies be reiterated at the AGM.</p>	
4.2	<p>All officers will be stepping down at the AGM. Should the constitution be changed to allow the positions to be filled more easily? Following a discussion it was decided that it is only necessary for the Chair and Treasurer to have been on the association for one year before taking office. It was suggested that it should be explained to all those at the AGM that there are very many positives to sitting on the PTA eg, meeting people, finding out how the school works. The role of the PTA should also be clarified at the AGM. PC sees the PTA contributing significantly to the school by its inclusion on occasions.</p>	
4.3	'Donate an hour' slips – these should distributed at the AGM. It was	

suggested that people who partook in this before be approached by letter to join the PTA.

It was asked is it worth approaching one parent in each class to join the association as part of a class rep scheme. It was believed that this might exclude others if more than one parent from each class wished to get involved.

- 4.4 It was highlighted that the Girls school appear to have full after-schools programme. The Boys school offers a similar varied programme but that it was not advertised

It was asked if there were plans to compose a flyer this year. It was decided that this would be a good idea. The PTA was informed that there will be a sign placed in the corner of the yard, thus helping to raise the profile of the school.

- 4.5 In the last meeting the PTA had agreed to subsidise the swimming lessons but maybe an alternative could be supported by the PTA. This led to a long discussion on what activity to pay for. Suggestions were Irish dancing, Hip Hop, Drama and Tae Kwon Do. It was felt that the latter may not fit best with the curriculum. It was suggested it would be nice to survey the boys what they would like to do. If this was done choices would be given by teachers. Rita Doyle is to be approached about the feasibility and cost of providing classes of Irish dancing and hip hop to the boys.

- 4.6 It was suggested that now the Parish Hall was gone that the area may be used as a basketball or tennis court. The drainage of the yard must be addressed before deciding on what to do with this area. It was pointed out that fixed posts could not be used as it would contravene Health & Safety regulations.

- 4.7 The committee were informed that, in addition, to the demolition of the Parish Hall that there was a lot of work undertaken on the heating system within the school and insulation of the building. This continued until the 30th August so they are still trying to clean up properly and resolve some minor issues but that the work has been very effective. Snagging of the new building is still going on with the major problem being the surface of the new staff car park. This is being dealt with.

- 4.8 It was suggested that we ear mark March for another fundraising event to allow time between our own events and so as not to clash with the girls' school. It was believed St Patrick's Day would be a good day. It was highlighted that the school were to take part this year so people would be in the area.

- 4.9 All were asked to consider taking office and events for the up and coming year.

Next Meeting -28th September 2010