

**St. Mary's BNS, Maynooth**  
**Parent Teacher Association April Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>, April 2012

**1.0 Approval of Minutes**

minutes were proposed and seconded.

**2.0 Financial Update**

- 2.1 Easter Coffee morning raised a healthy profit of €155.  
Current balance available to spend is €1330.  
Please send out a reminder for Voluntary Contributions.

**3.0 School Requests**

- 3.1 School requested an External Noticeboard which he has priced for around €45+vat. Plus another 4 smaller ones at €25 each, which could be placed in various locations around the school. Also, a set of posters costing about €60, which cover topics such as healthy living, cyber bullying. These would help to highlight important topics to the boys. Total approx. €210
- 3.2 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Class boys are having Accord Talks next week. This course has 4 tutors and costs €660. The boys pay €7 per child and PTA covers the balance of about €250.
- 3.3 School has requested some help with book covering.

**4.0 Follow up from March meeting**

- 4.1 We are waiting for 5L coffee/tea flasks to come into stock at Musgraves.
- 4.2 School yard habitat - this long term project has been put on hold. We need to re-think ambitious plans e.g. outside classroom, weather station. It is felt that some of these ideas would leave the school open to security/vandalism problems. We should discuss a few ideas such as birdbox before Spring 2013 but maybe planting more greenery and trees could be looked at sooner.
- 4.3 Painting School Yard - This project has been completed and it has caused a great buzz of excitement with the boys. The PTA has received a letter of complaint from the art student commissioned to carry out the complete project over Easter. During the project she informed us that she couldn't complete the job and asked that we get someone else to finish. A second art student was hired and they were paid pro-rata. The first student is looking for full payment nonetheless. A response will be sent to her and a copy of the letter kept on file.
- 4.4 Signs still not changed at front gate. Changes for sign received but mislaid and another set have been ordered. The times should say gates locked from 7.30 am - 4.30 pm.
- 4.5 Defib machine - school has received quotes for training and will buy the defib

when training is finished.

## 5.0 April Calendar

5.1 Sponsored Walk - will be on 29<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30. We should put cones up in car park about 2pm. To ask priests to announce at 12.45 mass that Sponsored Walk is taking place and ask people to remove their cars from yard after mass. To put a map/diagram on back of Fun Quiz page to show route. Bike has been organized which is being sponsored by Celbridge bike shop and he will deliver it for display in the foyer on Thursday. Remember to mention him in next newsletter and that he is moving to new premises beside Playzone. There will be three sports vouchers raffled on the day for all correct Quiz answers. Supplies to be bought by PTA i.e. 3 €20 vouchers, MiWadi, 200 lollypops, 200 plastic cups. Bring water carrier we used last year? We should remind people to bring their own pencils and have a few extra on the day. Think we should decorate and set up a table under the "rain canopy" for refreshments and this will be "start" point for the walk. We need stewards and helpers for the day and ask donate-an-hour people.

## 6.0 AOB

- 6.1 6<sup>th</sup> Class Day - waiting to find out date in June and what help she will need from us.
- 6.2 More volunteers needed to help in PTA - it was suggested to use text and email to send out requests for help. To find out about text system used in the past. We need to set up a Hospitality Committee. Could we aim to have one person per class to attend monthly meetings? Try out recruitment at AGM.
- 6.3 Parking - people are allowed to park in Dunnes and Aldi for up to 2 hours.
- 6.4 First Aid course for parents - would the PTA be interested in running a First Aid course for the parents? IS will ask a colleague to give us a quote for this.
- 6.5 Communion Day on 19<sup>th</sup> May - we would like to ask 3<sup>rd</sup> Class parents to do the refreshments afterwards. It requires tea, coffee biscuits and helium balloons! See what the response is like?
- 6.6 Junior Infants visit will be in May so will need to plan at next meeting.
- 6.7 Book Rental Scheme - The school would like to expand this scheme but would need help from the Parents and PTA at the end of June to do this. It would require a group of people checking and repairing returned books so they are in good condition for re-use next September. This would start with books for 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Class and work could commence in the week leading up to 29<sup>th</sup> June. This project could be a tremendous financial benefit to every family in the school if it was successfully implemented. To be discussed in more detail at next meeting.

**Next meeting - Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm.**

