

PSA Meeting January 29 2013

Minutes

Present: Helena Strange, Mr Teeling, Lucy Curtin, Joyce Kamugisha, Mr Ahmed, Ally Dunnett, Paula Florey, Elaine Dale, Ms Brooks, Charles Janssen, Alan Flockton, Joan Flockton, Ben Pinches, Joelle Labutte, Carol Murphy, Elaine Dale

Apologies: Mr Hussey, Laurie Powell, Lynne Powell, Kate Hield, Ruth Derbyshire, Mary Robinson

1. March 15th evening event

This date chosen to be close to St Patrick's Day, with the agreement that the evening would have an Irish theme. Noted that it's also Red Nose Day.

Suggestions for the night:

Main event – ceilidh. Carol may be able to do some calling, though another caller to be investigated.

Singers – Mr Teeling to ask Mr Bunch. Other names also suggested.

Irish dancing display – Elaine to ask Marian Flanagan. (Post-meeting note – confirmed.)

Irish poetry reading – Joelle to ask Jerry Byrne

Fiddlers – Carol and Ally to ask contacts

Harpist – Mr Teeling to ask Mr Hunter

Facts/short quiz with Irish theme on screen

Joint activity with Mr Nicholls' Gaelic football team

Tombola/raffle

Mr Teeling will ask staff for any more suggestions. Carol will provide Irish newsletter, which includes possible contact names. Requests were made for the 6th form to help in any way possible, after their excellent organization of the last quiz night.

The ceilidh is likely to run from 7.30 to midnight. Helena to ask Melanie to organize bar licence, Mr Teeling to speak to caretaker, and Duncan re food.

Two course meal proposed, around jacket potatoes with range of fillings. Buffet style. Irish coffees to be available in addition to bar.

Price of £15 proposed, with paid bar. Ticket only.

2. School Library plans

Ms Brooks outlined the range of initiatives she's already begun with the library, and summarised its immediate needs, which include big beanbags and a dedicated library TV for watching films. She requested a donation from the PSA – sum of £1,000 agreed.

Donations of books and DVDs suitable for the school students always welcome – contact Ms Brooks.

3. 'Future First' network

Mr Teeling provided an update on this new project to track and build ongoing links with alumni.

4. Next meeting

Tuesday February 19th, 7.00.

Main focus the further planning of March 15 ceildh.