

Minutes of Haywood Engineering College PTFA Meeting

23rd February 2010 (3:15 p.m)

Apologies - Alison Dexter

In Attendance - Dawn Clewes, Carole Lawton, Dereth Adams-Heighway, Emma Davies, Dave Woodcock, Steve Collier, Michelle Collier, Debbie Waterhouse, Jill Chadwick, David Linnane, Gill Caton, Sharon Corbally.

- The PTFA would like to express their thanks and good wishes to Louise Plant for her help and assistance with the PTFA.
- The Minutes of the last meeting were agreed.
- Steve Collier advised that the small P.A system is unusable. After testing, the machine it is deemed unfit.
- Dereth raised the "Haywood Hounds" event, Haywood Hounds is the in-house name however, officially, we cannot call the event this. Items to be resolved include: toilet facilities (possible use of CLC toilets- only until 1pm?); letters for local residents (Haywood Road) to make them aware of possible noise and disruption on the day; donations from local pet stores and shops (to be approached when a poster is completed); further donation emails and telephone calls needed; Steve looking into alternative P.A system and microphone/megaphone; Qualified first aiders available instead of St Johns? David L looking into possibility of burger van; Quench may also help out with the event.

Dog chipping will be available on the day. The council will be performing the chipping and will require a table and a gazebo. Payment for the chipping will be taken by the PTFA then a cheque issued at the end of proceedings to the council.

Red, blue and yellow rosettes will be required. List of 20 dog show categories are available from Dereth - owners/dogs can partake in more than one category. Posters and promotion - Sharon Corbally is asking Steph Sale and Jo Goodwin about the possibility that Photography Club and Time4Me Club students might create posters and provide the photographers for the day. Sentinel to be contacted; Spring Newsletter to include event; Hearing Dogs to have their own stand. Dereth has been named as responsible for the event as is covered by PTFA insurance. £20.00 cheque has been issued and given to Dereth to for the Kennel Club, need to hear from the Hearing Dogs organisation before cheque is given. Jill Chadwick contacting local residents and community police regarding promotion, Event will be

mentioned at AIT meeting, to discuss possible promotion on residents' notice boards. Martin Lewis will do overall risk assessment.

- Sweeney Todd production - tickets moving slowly, first show is on 1st May, possibility of promotion at 6th form college. PTFA to provide refreshments on 4th and 5th March, refreshments in cupboard need replenishing, refreshments of biscuits rather than sweets and crisps as the age limit is 12years and above.
- Students joining PTFA - Dave Woodcock to advise and discuss in next PTFA meeting.
- School dance creative workshops involving local primary schools - 24th and 25th March - both evenings' refreshments provided by PFTA.
- Update: Students House Parties Dave Woodcock spoke to Simon Ashton regarding possible house parties. Not great feedback from students. General feeling is that discos and parties are not as popular as they used to be - a change of direction is needed. The idea of a wii tournament was suggested. We have a wii console and accessories and an inter-house challenge and competition would build house pride and identity amongst students and encourage in-house interaction. An evening event with a chilled-out atmosphere; music in the background whilst wii -users compete would be a possibility, Dave L & Steve . C to discuss with Dave. W & Simon. A.
- Ideas were put forward to make the PTFA more appealing and desirable to newcomers; to highlight the work we do and what the PTFA is all about (Even a change of name was suggested); to make the PTFA more sociable and fun for existing and new members; to get the PTFA appreciated - do people know who we are?

A location change of meetings was a popular suggestion with the ideas of coffee bars, museums, the Dudson Centre, libraries and pubs being put forward.

Quizzes, themed evenings, bowling, bingo, and guest speakers were some of the ideas suggested to make it a social gathering, along with the possibility of having a night out other than the scheduled meeting. There was a general consensus to take the group forward to shake off its current image and make the group an appealing social gathering where matters are still addressed but an element of fun and bonding occurs in a pleasant and welcoming setting. This will encourage new members and provide a welcomed social get-together and productive outlet of school matters in our busy calendars for current members.

- Homework for the PTFA - find existing school websites we like make a note of the web address, and the aspects of the site we like, these ideas will then be put forward to improve our own website. - How do other schools involve their PTFA on their website, is it signposted?
- Further homework - ideas for possible PTFA meeting venues.
- Next meeting - Unofficial Meeting - Coffee & Cake Tuesday 2nd March CLC 3.00-4.00p.m
- Next Official Meeting - Monday 15th March CLC 3.15 p.m