**Minutes of The Croft Community school PTA**

**Date of meeting - 15th March 2019**

**Present**

V Elcock, L Herkes, M Corpe, S Doyle, T Loake M Thomas, D Paisley, J Hawthorn, E Keeler, L Camfield, PTA Guest Steve Pledger.

Arrived late L Davis

**Apologies**

S McKenna.

**Last meeting follow up**

Minutes of the last meeting read and accepted – All.

**Welcome**

M Thomas chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised agenda for this meeting was emailed to the committee.

M Thomas thanked everyone for their help and support with the John Beresford event which was a very successful evening. We discussed that the overall total profit from the event was £377 plus £600 in the form of a donation in kind by John of a pair of tickets to his hospitality box at St James park to a football match. S Doyle requested the PTA invoice her for the Event Brite ticket sales of £236 which D Paisley has advised he will complete. We discussed how we could increase parent engagement for future events and J Hawthorn and V Elcock advised the PTA could attend the new pupil enrolment sessions and parent coffee mornings to introduce ourselves and what we do for the school.

We had a special guest join us this morning singer/song writer Steve Pledger. He joined us to discuss how he could possibly collaborate with the PTA/school. He advised us that he had recently set up an initiative called On Trust where he stages gigs and the admission fee is pay as you wish as he feels your financial status should not restrict you being able to experience and enjoy live music. M Thomas advised Steve that we would be interested in staging a Greatest showman style show with the children or a Crofts got talent show which he seems quite happy to help with. V Elcock asked what Steve would charge to work with the school he advised he charges £150 for a gig however as he has never worked with a school he would need to discuss this further with the school. V Elcock as our music teacher said she would be interested in further discussions with Steve to potentially work with the children on song writing. Steve advised he was performing his first ON Trust gig at Annfield Plain Community centre on 26th April 2019.

**Events**

Easter Fayre is being held 29th March. Each class will have a stall with various themes. The school has arranged a non-uniform day on Friday 22nd March and they have requested a suggested donation of £1 or a small toy / stationary set from primary children and £1 or a small Easter egg from secondary. These donations will form a tombola. The admission price of the fayre will be £1 and this will include a tea/coffee and a biscuit. J Hawthown to arrange cake stall and tea/coffee and biscuit. The PTA will also judge an egg decorating contest.

The PTA is going to try to sell 5 tables to local businesses at £10 per table to help raise funds. T Loake and L Camfield will run a raffle at the fayre also.

**Treasurers report**

**Treasurer – D Paisley.**

£141 cash to be paid into the PTA bank account

An invoice for Event Brite funds to be claimed from S Doyle to be produced by D Paisley.

£50 to be withdrawn from the PTA bank and stored in the school safe to be used as a float for the Easter fayre stalls.

**Requests for funding**

**A O B**

S.Doyle discussed the possibility of each class in the school setting up their own small business to encourage enterprise in the school and allow the children to become involved in fundraising for the school. J Hawthorn advised to contact young enterprise for help with this.

**Date and time of next meeting**

Friday 5th April 2019 at 9.30am