

8th January 2015

Held at 6pm in the lower school hall

Present:

1. Committee members with a role in the meeting: Katie Keleghar (Acting Chair), Karen Osmond (Treasurer), Nina Pelling (Acting Secretary) and Lorraine Clarke (Head of Ark Blacklands Academy).
2. Further committee members: refer to agenda point 7
3. Further members of the PTA (Parents of children attending Ark Blacklands school and staff at Ark Blacklands): Wendy Knowles, Jo Jones, Zoe Dunstall, Allison Kitney and Susan Araz.

Apologies: None

1. Introduction from acting chair Katie Keleghar:

Welcome to the meeting and a run through of the agenda for the meeting.

2. Minutes from our last AGM:

No matters arising in relation to the minutes from our last Annual General Meeting. Minutes from our AGM 2013 were agreed.

Proposed: Katie Keleghar (Acting Chair)

Seconded: Melissa Homewood

3. Chairs report:

For full details see Ark Blacklands PTA Annual report 2014.

Highlights: We have had 2 Fireworks displays since our last AGM provided by renegade (pyrotechnic company) both fantastic displays.

Our Christmas Fayre which is one of our big events of the year raised just over £2500 and our other big event of the year was the Summer Bonanza which saw us celebrating Blacklands 40th birthday. Other events during the year were the Valentines disco, the Easter Bonnet competition for reception and key stage 1 and the Egg Roll for key stage 2. We had the Summer BBQ with a fantastic performance by Cushty. Our

final event was the new term disco. We also ran two projects this year commemorative mugs in honour of Blacklands 40th year and self-portrait tea towels. Thank you to Crystal for all the hard work she put in making them both a success.

As everyone is aware this AGM has been delayed in order for us to put together some changes to the structure of the charity this means we have already had some of our events this year. We have already mentioned the fireworks. Due to the size of the committee we never held the Christmas fayre; instead we got involved in the Christmas Cards for schools projects raising £500. We also arranged for the Rainbow Theatre to come and entertain the children and staff with a pantomime.

Any Questions: None

4. Thanks to retiring committee members:

Thank you to Nicky Slater for all her hard work and support of the PTA over the years and a huge thank you to Zoe Dunstall our recently departed chair for all the hard work she has put in to the PTA. You will both be missed.

5. Treasurers Report:

Karen Osmond gave an overview of the accounts ending 31st August 2014

(Find accounts attached to chairs report). Karen went over money raised from our events and the expenditure. Karen also discussed that we keep £5000 aside for the pool for any maintenance needed on it.

Any questions: Crystal Greenfield asked how we made 50p from paypal. Paypal account was set up by a previous chair to sell things through ebay; this person no longer has any contact with the school so it has been decided to close this account.

6. President report:

Lorraine Clarke Thank the PTA for all their hard work and support of the school. Lorraine went on to outline various events that she has enjoyed one being the fireworks. Lorraine thanked the PTA for helping to fund the dividing of a room giving the school and the children more room and opinions. Lorraine spoke about communication between the PTA and

parents being enhanced through the use of parentmail. The next step is to create a link for the PTA on the school website where information can be uploaded and shared easily. Lorraine stated that funding continues to be difficult for the school in this difficult financial climate so the money raised by the PTA helps to provide extra opportunities and enrichment for the children. Lorraine also wants to thank Zoe for all her hard work and her support during some challenging times.

Any questions: None

7. PTA President takes over meeting:

Committee members all stand down.

Lorraine to propose nominations from nominations forms completed.

Nominations for the three office positions are Katie Keleghar (Chair), Karen Osmond (Treasurer), and Nina Pelling (Secretary).

And committee members

Jessica Cull Adele Stelfox-Haines Petra Willoughby Melissa Homewood	Cara Rogers Karen Lapworth Crystal Greenfield
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There were no objections to these nominations.

All members at the meeting accepted these people as committee members and voted on block.

Duly elected.

8. Changes to the constitution:

Katie Keleghar (Chair) takes over meeting and proposes changes to the constitution.

Over the last year Blacklands has moved forward and we feel the PTA needs to follow suit, as a charity we would like to focus fully on fundraising. I would suggest we adopt the model constitution offered by PTA UK. The constitution focuses the aims of the charity on two objects, raising money to fund items that enhance the children’s education , and develop effective relationships between staff, parents and others

supporting school. In order to meet the second objective I would like to suggest we change the name of the charity from Blacklands Parent and Teachers Association to Friends of Ark Blacklands Academy. This would allow us to widen our members to supporters of the school, whether they are current parents or staff, parents of children that have left, extended family like grandparents, or staff that are no longer here. By doing this we hope to be able to broaden the range of events we can hold and ensure we can offer something for everyone. This will also allow us to offer more frequent events which will effectively develop relationships. This new format would mean there would no longer be a need for honorary membership so we would be delighted if all our honorary members would join us in supporting the school by being members of the Friends of Ark Blacklands Academy. The new constitution will allow us to run in a more efficient manner. Without formal roles of president or vice president Ms Clarke and Mrs Harvey would still be our key contacts at school, providing an easy method of communication between staff and committee members.

I also propose we change the names of the registered trustees of the charity and listed with the Charity Commission to Ms Lorraine Clarke and Mrs Val Harvey. This is due to the named trustees at the moment not having any contact with the school, they are, Allison Baines, Nicky Slater and Jayne Aslett.

Does anyone wish to raise any objections or points of discussion? No objections.

Proposed: Katie Keleghar (Chair)

Seconded: Crystal Greenfield

Carried

9. Funding Requests

For a new BBQ due to the safety of the old ones and we use the bbq's at our 4 biggest events. Nina Pelling has looked in to what it will cost to buy 2 new BBQ's. Nina Pelling found Outback Party 6 Burner barbecue for £319.95 each

Proposed: Nina Pelling (Secretary)

Seconded: Petra Willoughby

Carried

10. Any other business:

We plan to hold a Friends of Blacklands launch Disco on 23rd January, So committee meeting to be held next Thursday 15th January time and place to be arranged.

Thank you all for coming.

Meeting closes time: 7.05pm