

**1. In attendance**

Jill Foley	Gary Harte
Louise Crowley	Rosaleen Fitzgerald
Mary O Connor	

**2. Apologies**

Aoife O Herlihy  
Reena Mc Carthy  
Gemma Lyons  
Pawel Switaj

**3. Treasurers Report**

Reena Mc Carthy was unable to attend meeting so an updated account statement or balance was not available. Gary Harte did confirm that there is approximately €7000 presently in the bank account, following 2 lodgements from Easter Egg Raffle and Bag Packing events. Unfortunately, due to change in banking procedures, Gary still has not been added as the 3<sup>rd</sup> signatory to the account but this will be attended to in the next 2 weeks. Reena also advised Gary prior to the meeting that there are further forms that require signing by both Gary and Jill Foley. Again, this will be attended to in the next few weeks.

**4. Internet Safety Talk**

Despite the small numbers that attended, it was deemed to be a very successful event with a very engaging and informative speaker. It was a disappointing turn out given the interest that was indicated in the recent parent survey.....76% of respondents expressed an interest in such a talk.

Gary Harte proposed that the next planned talk for May (Anti Bullying), be postponed until September and this was seconded by Mary O Connor. Other talks may be scheduled for later in the autumn...possibly Self-esteem/Mental Health talks as interest was also expressed on these topics in the survey. Rosaleen Fitzgerald suggested that an invitation from Brian Cuthbert to such events may carry more weight so this will be considered going forward.

**5. Communion**

The Communion Day event proved to be a great success. Many thanks to Eilis Lacey from SSNC for co-ordinating the event so well and thanks to all the parents who volunteered on the day. There are some supplies left over so these will be shared between both schools. Gary will discuss breakdown of costs with Donal Dowling SSNC PA Chairman. Rosaleen confirmed that of the €500 that she received from PA, €136.72 remains. This cash amount and relevant receipts were given to Gary, who will give same to Reena.

6. **Bag Packing**

Despite a poor response for volunteers from the PA, a total of €1072 was raised from both events. Thank you to Elaine Hatton for co-ordinating the event and to those parents who did volunteer. Discussion was had on whether future bag packing events will be held as it is proving very difficult to get the necessary “man power”. This will be discussed in greater detail at the beginning of next term.

7. **Loose Change Drive**

Gary Harte reported that same will proving very successful so far. He will ask Brian Cuthbert if the drums can be moved to the Hall for the remaining few weeks to add some excitement to the event! Rosaleen Fitzgerald confirmed that she has approached Cummins sports re sponsoring vouchers as a prize but to date has not received a response from them. Gary Harte confirmed that he will approach Smyths re securing similar sponsorship.

8. **Book Sale**

Louise Crowley volunteered to co-ordinate this event. It will be held in the Hall on June 20<sup>th</sup>, and will coincide with High Street Book Sale to maximise footfall. It is proposed that all remaining books that are in school storage will be sold off. It is hoped that a Book Swap event will then be held next year as this proved very successful in March.

9. **Raffle**

Ideas were discussed for a summer raffle before the end of term. It was proposed that 5 toy/sweet hampers will be raffled and tickets will be sold in school hall. Gary Harte volunteered to source the items for the hamper and Louise Crowley and Rosaleen Fitzgerald volunteered to assemble same. Jill Foley and Mary O Connor volunteered to sell tickets in the school hall the last week of school.

10. **Transition Talk**

Gary Harte confirmed with Brian Cuthbert that the PA will pay for this informative talk to all 6<sup>th</sup> class students in June. He also confirmed with Brian that PA will cover the cost of the 6<sup>th</sup> class year book.

11. **AOB**

This was the last PA meeting for this school year. The next meeting will be held on September 26<sup>th</sup> at 8pm and we hope that we will see plenty of new faces at next year’s meetings! Enjoy the summer holidays!

**Jill Foley**

**Secretary SSNB Parents Association**