



**Pippins Pre-School**  
Registered Charity 1061164  
**Minutes from meeting 8<sup>th</sup> December 2008**

**Present:**

Ella (Chair)      Fiona      Gillian      Debbie      Amy

**The Pampered Chef** – A great evening was had by all, the village hall was packed! We raised £262 for Pippins and £65 for the school. Fiona will ring Sarah Tall to find out when the products will be arriving. They will be delivered to Ella's house and we will all help sorting out and delivering (before Christmas). The recipe book went down well – we have about 15 left (out of 50) which we will put in the entrance hall.

*Next time – Sell raffle tickets in advance to boost profits.*

**Raffle Prizes** – We have had some more raffle prizes donated including venison (from Rosie), Cholderton Farm tickets, a hair cut, use of an Aston Martin for the weekend and meat voucher. These will be distributed among the fundraising events we are holding over the next year. It was thought that doing a really good raffle next year at an event would be the most appropriate way of raising funds considering the current market conditions and not an auction which was previously considered.

**Quiz Night** – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Raffle prizes were allocated. Parents will be asked to bring in donations towards a Christmas hamper – Fiona to put up a poster and place a box in the entrance hall. Write on the whiteboard a reminder to parents about the quiz. Raffle tickets to be sold in advance to people unable to attend. (Ella – Tues and Fri, Amy – Wed pick up, Gillian – Thurs)

**Cake Sale** – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2008. Parents will be reminded about the cake sale on the whiteboard, cakes to be brought in and will be sold after the Zoo Lab show. Debbie will bring sandwich bags and float. Fiona will make a poster with prices - £3.50 for large cakes and £1.00 for 5 fairy cakes. Volunteers needed to help take money – ask parents on the day.

**Nativity/Christmas Party** – We will put up a list of party food for parents to bring in for the party. Amy has paper plates and napkins left over from The Pampered Chef event. Ella will bring music to try out some dancing with the children.

**School Christmas Fair** – The school fair was very busy as usual and we made about £40 on our stall.

**Fundraising Events –**

1. **Nearly New Sale in February** - Ella to take charge

Ella will look into finding a larger hall so that we can fit in more tables. It was agreed that we would need to word any advertising carefully to make sure that we have 'quality' items on sale.

2. **Toddler Disco in January** - Fiona to take charge

Fiona will see if hall is available on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2009, for this event.

3. **Spring Fair** – Amy to take charge

This will take a lot of organisation and we will need more volunteers to help organise but it was thought that this would be a great fundraiser. Ideas included bouncy castle/slide etc..

**Also discussed:**

A film showing for young ones – Ella will look into whether we need a license.

A balloon race – Gillian will find out more about the organisation and how much money this might make with the possibility of doing this at the Spring Fair (her dad has run one for his church which was a huge success).

A Comedy Club evening – Ella has contacted Roger Bateman from 'Hog the limelight' about organising a comedian for an evening. It would cost us £400, although it looks like Ella could get this part sponsored. We could also do a BBQ. Ella will look into possible dates for 2009 and also prices of tickets at The Lights etc..

Ella will approach the Village Hall Committee to see if we can get a discount when booking the hall for fundraising activities.

**Website** – Ian is updating the website for us adding current newsletters, minutes from meetings, pictures of staff and the questionnaire for parent feedback. As a thank you to Ian for all his work, it was agreed that we would get him £50 of Waitrose vouchers. We also have a new email address.

**Finances** – Finances are looking healthy, we may need to transfer some money back into our bank account just in case the grant money doesn't come in as expected in January. Debbie will keep an eye on the balance. Zoo Lab has cost us £117 which was arranged instead of a trip. We made about £40 from the Christmas cards the children made – the cheque for which still hasn't cleared.

**Next Meeting** – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2009, 7.30pm at The Walnut Tree. All welcome!