

**MINUTES OF THE MOUGINS SCHOOL PTA COMMITTEE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
held on TUESDAY, 26TH MAY 2009**

Present:

Lea Assi (President)	Judi Lynn (Secretary)	Peter Fraser (Treasurer)
Brian Hickmore	Jane Hart	Michèle Fraser
Nicole Schauer	Carol Mueller	Sue Saunders
Joanna Povall	Ute Appenzeller	Barb Heise
Leila Rossi Taraniuk	Elisabeth Steckmest	Mette Oersted
Ingrid Honan	Jonny Jones	

Apologies: Sue Dunnachie, Sarah Green, Marie-Claude Yaghil

1. An Annual General Meeting of the Mougins School PTA Committee was held on 26th May 2009 in the Mougins School Library at 7.00 p.m. after due notice was delivered to all parents of the school.
Lea welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.
2. The Minutes of the meeting dated 7 May 2009 were read and approved.
3. The PTA President, Lea Assi, then presented a summary of the year's PTA events as follows:
 - (a) October 2008:

Sports Day: Sarah Green, together with Brittain's, organized a very successful refreshment stand which raised €168 although the main goal was for the children to have fun. This should be repeated.
The first Car Boot Sale raised €2,162 but this event needed 3 co-ordinators as it had become famous in the area and was excellent public relations for the school. Lea thanked Helene Ray and Mercedes Lafuente Fil and all the other 25 helpers. A big crew is needed on the day to control parking, the gates etc.
 - (b) November 2008:

Parenting Seminar: This was organized by Royce Johnson and was successful. Lea has had a meeting with Royce who might be able to organise another one in late October 2009 about dating: this would be for teenagers aged 15 and over and this will be discussed with Brian.
Wine Tasting: This was organized by Bryce Attwell, Lynn Woolf and Kimberley Peters who prepared delicious food. €72 was made but this event was mainly social. Lea hoped that next year someone could organise this event again.
 - (c) December 2008:

Lower School Christmas Market 2008: There were no expenses and raised €1,182. This was organized by Marie-Claude Yaghil, Kaisa Torma and other parents. This will always be a very successful event.
Christmas Concert 2008: The PTA organized the refreshments and bar which was run by Michele and Peter Fraser and Helene Ray – this raised €220.
 - (d) January 2009:

A proposed *Quiz Night* was cancelled and the suggestion was that in future the tickets should be cheaper with less elaborate food.

- (e) **February 2009:**
A proposed *St Valentine's Night* was cancelled. This idea will not be repeated.
- (f) **March 2009:**
***Red Nose Day:* The PTA worked with the School and organized a Bake Sale and was a great success.**
***Talent Show:* This was organized by Marie-Claude Yaghil, Beata Galipienzo, Sarah Green, Kaisa Torma and Jonny Jones. It raised €638. This event usually raised more but this lower sum is most probably due to the current financial crisis.**
- (g) **April 2009:**
***Walkathon:* The PTA assisted the school by dealing with the refreshments and snacks. This raised €700 and Lea stressed how happy the PTA was to help and support the school as the school does so much to support the PTA,**
***Staff Appreciation Lunch:* This was a big success thanks to Beata Galipienzo and Mercedes Lafuente Gil who made a very well organized lunch. All agreed the quality of the food was amazing, and Brian Hickmore and Sue Dunnachie thanked the PTA for their efforts.**
- (h) **May 2009:**
***Second Car Boot Sale:* This was the biggest ever and raised €2,658. There were 95 participants of which a record 54 were parents and staff from the school. Lea repeated that an event of this size needs 3 co-ordinators. She said we were now in competition with the big car boot sales in Valbonne and some people prefer the school car boot sales because of their special atmosphere. She thanked all those who helped, especially Kaisa Mercedes, Eva, Sacha, Helene, Sarah, Ikuko and Brian.**
- (i) **Culture Club 2008/2009:**
Lea reported that Georgiana Brignone and Leila Rossi Taraniuk had established a great network of people who knew what events are coming up and had arranged some wonderful trips during the last year. They are prepared to carry on next year.
- (j) **Themed Coffee Mornings 2008/2009:**
Lea reported that Fanny Schultz organized 2 themed coffee mornings with Deborah Marzohl, a nutritionist, which had been successful. Lea hopes to do more themed coffee mornings next year on different subjects e.g. flower arranging, cookery, gardening – but a co-ordinator is needed.
- (k) **Miscellaneous:**
***Newsletter:* Because of the financial crisis, we are unable to do better financially on this.**
***Website:* This is well taken care of but Brian is hoping to move this into a new phase whereby school reports will not be printed off any longer but will be available on the website – this will cut costs and be more eco-friendly.**

SUMMARY:

Lea said that given the general economic crisis, we still made €11,859 profit this year which was still a very good result. Meetings had been well attended and she was happy to see many new active members. She thanked the committee for all their hard work and thanked Judi as an exceptional secretary and Peter for his professional accounting.

4. **Peter Fraser then presented the Financial Summary for 2008/2009, of which copies were handed out and had also previously been emailed. He said he had made certain projections e.g. the forthcoming Summer Fair. On that basis the PTA was on target to make about €11,500 which compared to €12,750 last year. Some of this was due to the debt owed to the**

Newsletter for advertising by Kaupthing Edge which is unlikely to ever be retrieved. The PTA donated €10,500 to the School. Peter reported that most of the events raised similar amounts to last year, except the Car Boot Sales which exceeded them and had been the real fundraising stars.

5. Brian Hickmore, headmaster, then said that the PTA did a difficult job and we should not be disappointed if certain events do not happen. We should not be put off trying something new as the clientele is difficult. People find it hard to commit themselves. In the current financial climate, to have come out with the figures that we had was very good. When one has a new idea, there are always people who say it has always been done a certain way or put the idea down but one has to find a balance between taking risks and he felt people should be encouraged to take a risk and people with different ideas should battle on. We do need to evolve. We also need good communication. It had been a difficult year for the PTA but it should try and experiment.
6. **Forthcoming Event:**
Summer Fair & BBQ – Saturday, 27 June 2009
Lea said we were mobilizing all our forces and announced a meeting to be held on Wednesday, 3rd June 2009 in the Canteen at 9 a.m. She wanted all volunteers and co-ordinators to be there.
7. Lea then proposed the following for election as officers for next year's Committee and the School Representatives:

President	Lea Assi
Joint Vice President	Ingrid Honan & Carol Mueller
Past President	Nicole Schauer
Secretary	Sue Saunders
Treasurer	Peter Fraser
Upper School Representative	<i>To be filled (Years 12 & 13)</i>
Middle School Representative	Michèle Fraser
Lower School Representative	Elisabeth Steckmest
Charity Co-ordinator	Sue Dunnachie
Newsletter/PTA Website	Nicole Schauer
Culture Club	Leila Rossi Taraniuk (Georgiana Brignone is leaving)

The nominations were voted on and unanimously approved and accepted by the Committee.

8. **Any other business:**
 - (a) Sue Saunders asked about the Faces to Names Picnic for new families to get to know each other, which did not happen last September. Brian said that teachers also used to join in and that it took place at the Plateau de Caussols in the third week of September. All agreed it should be reinstated this coming September.
 - (b) Brian mentioned that the Mougins School Orientation Day for new parents and children (when the PTA provides refreshments and members introduce themselves) will be on MONDAY, 7th September 2009 at 2.30 p.m.
9. **Date of the next Meeting:**
Lea said there would be a meeting on MONDAY, 22nd JUNE 2009 at 9 a.m. in the School Canteen to discuss last-minute Summer Fair matters and to start thinking about next year.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed.