

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: ST TERESA'S PTA AGM FEBRUARY 19TH, 2018

1. Welcome and opening prayer: Catherine Hamilton

2. A warm welcome to our Parent Teacher Association's AGM.

Our objectives are:

- to facilitate communication and closer contact between parents and teachers within and across the entire school in order to address issues of mutual concern;
- to be instrumental in building good relations in the parent body of the school;
- to undertake appropriate fund-raising events
- to undertake appropriate projects and activities that will be of benefit to the school and that will promote the spiritual, moral and ethical growth, intellectual and educational development and physical well-being of the learners;
- to support and assist the school's Board of Governors and Senior Management Team as required in any matters that may be of benefit to the school and its learners.

But I think our true value lies beyond all these things; in the last two to three years the PTA has built up a real team-based philosophy; the spirit of collaboration and implementation has generated fantastic events which have really built a positive energy and vibrancy within our school community. We have worked hard to be visible, available and willing.

The AGM is a perfect opportunity for us to reflect on what has been achieved and set out our plan for the coming year.

3. Apologies Received

4. Neil Duncan, Chairperson of our Board, made a short address.

5. Rogan Duffy, architect of the re-build of the South Block at IP, gave a short presentation on the proposed new building.

6. Acknowledgements

At the end of any financial and business year there are always many people to thank. I would like to thank The Board of Governors, Principals, Teachers and Support Staff for all your support and for making yourself so accessible to the Committee. In particular a huge thank you to Bridget Phungula, Rex, Mike, Wales, Joe and all our other staff for setting up, sorting out, taking our calls and tidying up after our functions. Debbie de Koning, our marketing manager, is invaluable with her assistance and support as are the school offices with Louise, Geri, Nicole, Dale and Meredith always willing to assist us.

To the PTA Committee Members, for all the time you give up to attend meetings and the enormous effort that you put into organising events and coordinating the involvement of other parents. In particular, Jacqui van den Handel plays a pivotal role in managing and

executing all our wonderful events with aplomb, massive amounts of energy and ideas and important input which we value and appreciate.

A special thanks to Diana Ince (our bursar) and Martina Geoghegan (PTA treasurer) who have been very patient with me regarding our finances and I thank Martina for taking the time to explain and put together all the spreadsheets which keep the PTA books stable.

7. Chairperson's Report

In 2017:

- 18 February – Mums and Daughters High Tea – “A Touch of Red”

Last year's event was again absolutely wonderful: Hlengiwe Madlala Lushaba was our guest speaker and our theme was “A Touch of Red”. The tables were outstanding as was the food and we had lots of wonderful prizes and give-aways. The St David's band and chamber choir were delightful.

- 24 March – Dads and Daughters' Dance, Rosebank hall: this was once again a major highlight of the year and 450 tickets were sold. The food was prepared by the mums on big braais and all our little Rosies enjoyed the DJ, Ryan Mills, who delighted them with fun lighting and a bubble machine. The theme was “An Enchanted Evening” with beautiful woodland décor supplied by the FP mums.

- Easter Fun days at FP (5 April) and IP (6 April) – these two days were exceptional with Martina coordinating FP and Jacqui managing IP. The FP had the most beautiful garden display, a petting zoo, a super puppet show and crafts and treats. The IP event had a range of activities including biscuit decorating; basket making; an obstacle course; a treasure hunt and a team exercise involving collaboration and some engineering skills.

- 6 May – catering for the Catholic Netball Festival: once again this was managed by the PTA committee. The food was excellent and the atmosphere was wonderful. The area looked festive and welcoming with all the gazebos up and we had very positive feedback from visiting parents and coaches from other schools.

- 14 July – Quiz night, Rosebank hall

Quiz Night was sold out this year. The evening went off extremely well with a wine tasting, delicious butternut and roast tomatoes soups as starters; Tutto Foods arrived and set up their huge paellas in the courtyard and we hired braziers which worked brilliantly in terms of ambience and warmth; our Quiz Master ran the evening efficiently and Jacqui van den Handel sourced an amazing variety of prizes; Churros provided the dessert. We also held a raffle on the night with two prizes of nights away at two different resorts.

- 15 September –A Taste of Italy (Family Fun Night), FP Field

We had a photographer and an art zone, where the children could paint their own masterpiece. The food was Italian themed with pizzas sponsored by Andiccio's and two types of pasta. The red carpet entrance was super, with bean bags for hire and music playing to add to the atmosphere. The movie SING was screened.

The FP Big Walk, IP Big Swim, FP Cake and Candy days and IP Market days continued to be PTA events in 2017.

We continue to raise funds with the minimum effort expended though the My School Card: Our MySchool card contributions brought in R132k last year!

We have just completed the renovations of the HS staffroom and paid for new desks for the HS. In the pipeline is a commitment to upgrade the lighting and sound in the Rosebank Hall.

8. Financial Report:

Prepared by Martina Geoghegan.

In 2017 the PTA generated **R452K in revenue** – 24% increase on the revenue received for the previous year.

Where did the money come from?

PTA Events raised **R223k** equating to 49% of the total revenue.

Dads & Daughters Dance	R45k
Quiz Night	R21k
Mums & Daughters Tea	R15k
Easter Fun Day IP & FP	R26k
Movie Night	R43k
Big Swim	R23k
Big Walk	R50k

(Rounded to the nearest '000)

2. My School Card

R132k equating to 29% of the total revenue, an increase of 19% from the previous year.

3. Cake & Candy/ Market Days/ Sports Days –

R44k, increase of 24% from the previous year

4. Interest – 24k

Recouped Monies (Pool Blanket) R12k

Residual income (Art gallery rental) – R15k

How did we spend the funds?

HS Cooling System in Hall	R114k
HS Staffroom upgrade	R100k
Rosebank Pool Solar Blanket	R92k
Reading Ship - Media Centre FP	R59k
Bursars Office Revamp	R33K
FP Jungle Gym	R24k
Books for HS Library	R30k
Upgrade to IP retaining walls & plants	R10k
Suncream Dispensers & Refills FP/IP/HS	R8k
FP School Sign Incl Plastering & Painting	R7k
Water Fountains FP & IP	R44k
Roof Insulation: IP and HS hall	R67k
FP Flooring staffroom & passage way	R42k
Assessment of Hall Lighting	R4k
(Rounded to the nearest '000)	
Balance brought forward from 2016 + 2017 Revenue	R904k
Less 2017 Expenditure	<u>R642k</u>
Balance as at 31/12/2017	R262k

9. **2018/2019 PTA Committee Members**

Our current committee is as follows:

Tammy Webber (Chair) IP, Grade 6

Amanda Murray (Deputy Chair) IP Grade 6

Martina Geoghegan (Treasurer) FP Grades 00 & 3

Debbie Kruger (Secretary) Grade 8

High School: Catherine Hamilton (Principal), Dawn Adam (Grade 9), Helen Robinson (Grade 7), Sarah Evans (Grades 3 and 7), Pontsho Thinane (Grade 10), Connie Kapembwa (Grades 3 and 8)

Intermediate Phase: Jean Carey (Principal), Jacqui van den Handel (Class rep Chair, Grade 6), Annemie Kruger (Grades 3 & 6)

Foundation Phase: Lynne Elfick (Principal)

Nominations presented and ratified:

Ian Spencer resigned as our Treasurer in April and Martina Geoghegan stepped into the role. Martina's position as Treasurer was ratified formally.

Sarah Evans, Pontsho Thinane came on board last year and their positions were ratified.

Trudi van Niekerk (Grade10), Gillian von Flemming (Grade 1) and Mark Broady (Grade 0) were new nominations and are now officially members of the PTA.

10. Events for 2018

19 January: New parents and staff cocktail party, Rosebank

19 February: PTA AGM, Rosebank

24 February: Mums and Daughters' High Tea, Rosebank Hall, Grades 6 – 12

23 March: Easter Fun Days, FP and IP

6 April: Dads and Daughters' Dance, Rosebank Hall

27 July: Quiz Night, Rosebank Hall

5 October: Family Fun Night, FP field

11. General and Other Business

12. Close

As is the case with any committee, communication is key. Please contact the PTA should you have any ideas, suggestions or assistance. We have set up an e-mail address: pta@stteresas.co.za

We thank you for your enthusiastic and generous support of all our events this year.

Tammy Webber