

**Southwood Family Preschool**  
Minutes  
Committee Meeting 24<sup>th</sup> November 2008

**New Committee**

The new committee members have introduced themselves with Kerry staying on as Chair for another year; Maria as Vice Chair; Eleanor as Secretary and Sam as Treasurer. All committee members and staff signed the confidentiality agreement. All new members must fill in CRB form.

**Easyfundraising**

Only 22 people have registered so far, but in the last quarter we still managed to raise £111.63. So far this quarter it has raised £47.05. We must encourage all parents, extended family members, friends, work colleagues etc to register at [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk). Then all they have to do is make sure they use the links on that site before internet shopping, and we get a percentage of that purchase price, with no extra cost to the customer. Parents should also be encouraged to use the search engine: [www.easysearch.org.uk](http://www.easysearch.org.uk).

If other organisations decide to use easyfundraising themselves, if they use this link <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/referral/10620>, then we will get 20% of their fundraising total (and they still receive 100% of their own fundraising). Tracy has already succeeded in converting Southwood Infants School and she is waiting replies from 4 others. She will now ask all the local primary schools whether they would like to join through us.

**Ebay**

We've raised £345 from Ebay so far. Some stuff Tracy is holding back for the summer when it will sell better. New items are needed: unwanted baby equipment, old toys, sports equipment, anything!

Letter to go out after Christmas asking for unwanted Christmas presents to sell.

**Parent Volunteers**

Should parents be CRB checked as they work directly with children? It will be very difficult to get CRB checks for around 50 people and also those parents who are reluctant to help out may use it as an excuse. It was also discussed how the parents are never left alone with the children in the preschool, and never left to sort out going to the toilet, or given sole responsibility for anything. Ofsted know about our parent volunteer rota and have never said we need parents checked. Kerry to double check with Ofsted just to be sure. Liability insurance does cover the parents.

**Christmas Raffle**

We already have a few things for the raffle: such as what is left over from chocoholics; donations; and holiday souvenirs. However, we still need prizes donated from parents to make the raffle a success. We will send out a letter this week including raffle tickets, asking for donations. Last year parents

asked about prizes so this year we will display photos of prizes the week before.

**Website a success**

The last 3 children on the waiting list have come via the website. From January all the sessions are full.

***Next meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2009 8pm.***