

Arboretum Account Report - 11th June 2011

In June 2010, Deidre Burke requested of the treasurer a schedule of payments made by the PTA into the Arboretum account. The treasurer, Marina Stevenson, replied with the figure of \$8,846, arrived at by checking the computer disks that held previous years PTA accounts details.

In September 2010, Deidre responded with a summary of Arboretum related Income and Expenditure for the PTA's records. This schedule showed we had donated \$10,846.

Jane Hunter (the previous treasurer) and Marina Stevenson (the current treasurer) met and attempted to work out what had happened. They discovered that there was a gap in the PTA Financial Records; the 2005-year records could not be found. It was in this year (2005) that an amount of \$2000 was recorded on the schedule of payments, received from Deidre Burke, as being donated by the PTA to the Arboretum account. The school ledger of the Arboretum account (1/01/2002 to 31/12/2009) could not support this \$2,000 being paid in by the PTA. What compounded the issue for the treasurers was the inability to balance the school ledger supplied. There was no clear starting figure in the ledger and as the school had changed accounting software in 2002, it appeared any figures from before that time were not showing.

At the March 2011 AGM, Deidre Burke presented an Arboretum Report and spreadsheet showing PTA donations totalling \$8,846. This figure was different from the schedule of payments as supplied by Deidre in September 2010. This figure did however match what was believed to have actually occurred.

It would appear that there has been an error in the initial report received and the PTA actually donated \$8,846 to the Arboretum account up to the end of 2007. It is believed that there was no payment in 2005 to the Arboretum account. This matter is, I believe, now closed.

Marina Stevenson
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