

THSA Committee Meeting 9th January 2012

1. Welcome and Apologies

Present: Clare Brown, Jane Juif, Antonia Petreanu, Ethel Knight, Pauline Middlehurst, Anita Evans, Malcolm Kelly, Oliver Sharpe, Ryan Carles

Apologies: Judith Barden, Nicola Evans, Michelle Foden, Nancy Bunyan, Pat Lomas

2. Minutes approved from previous meeting

Minutes were agreed and approved by the committee.

3. Quiz – 3rd February 7.30 for 8pm start

Oliver and Ryan confirmed that the questions have been prepared and that they will be holding the first quiz at Marlborough School this Friday. They have created the ticket and this has been given to Pat to print off 60 copies. It was agreed that a letter will be sent out to parents next week promoting the quiz and that we will also send texts and emails with the aim of getting as many parents involved as possible.

Tickets will be available in advance from the finance office or on the door on the night. Mr Coppock will be supervising the sixth formers and it was suggested that perhaps he could get a team together with other teachers. The leadership team are already planning on coming and the governors are considering putting a team together. The sixth formers will set up the hall after school and all other helpers will arrive at 7ish to set up the bar etc. The sixth form students will also speak to the IT department about using the overhead projector and will speak to site staff about the event and any overtime that needs to be paid. Antonia will provide 3 floats for the door, raffle and the bar. Nancy will organise the alcohol licence as previously agreed. Jane and Clare will purchase the alcohol (although Malcolm pointed out that the school may have some alcohol left over from previous events that we could purchase at a reduced rate) and man the bar, and the sixth formers will buy the soft drinks and nibbles. All receipts must be kept and THSA will reimburse. We will hold a raffle to raise extra funds. We still have items and raffle books left over from the Christmas fair that can be used for this. Pauline will sell raffle tickets. It was agreed that the sixth formers would consider giving a first and last prize for the quiz and that they would text Jane if they needed THSA to purchase these gifts. Clare thanked Oliver and Ryan and they left the meeting.

4. Fundraising Ideas (moved from item 6 on the agenda)

Malcolm pointed out that it doesn't matter whether THSA decide to raise funds for computers or landscaping because in reality both of these things need doing and what will realistically happen is that the money will be put into the 'pot' to help fund all aspects of the new build. There are certain areas in the old building that also need looking at and the school is taking advantage of having the builders and architects on site to get quotes and perhaps get the work done while they are here. However, it was agreed that THSA need to decide on a particular item that they can sell to parents in order to get maximum participation. Clare suggested that the

children should make this decision as they can then help sell the fundraising idea to their parents. Malcolm agreed to ask the students for ideas and that we would choose the best and most suitable as our 'goal'. It was also decided that THSA will attend the next site meeting to see exactly what is happening with the new build. Malcolm will let us know when this is. THSA had considered a covered seating area for the children but Malcolm pointed out that this would only benefit a small amount of children and that it would perhaps be better to create several smaller seated areas where different year groups can congregate.

Malcolm spoke to the committee about how the school are re-launching the partnership between THS and the feeder schools. He showed us an advert with the logo and brand and explained how they are promoting the idea of continuity from reception class right through to sixth form. He suggested that we could help with this promotion by contacting the schools and speaking to their PTAs in order to strengthen ties. Emailing minutes and making the schools aware of our events would help create links and also avoid clashes in event timetables. Clare will look into this.

Ethel mentioned the idea of a Prom Fayre which was suggested to us by Caroline Brennan at the Christmas Concert. We realise that this will require a lot of organisation and therefore it is already too late for 2012 but it was agreed that this could be a possibility for early March 2013. As far as we are aware no other school in Macclesfield does this at the moment so there is potential to invite pupils from the other schools. The idea is that along with a fashion show there will also be stands with hairdressers, make-up and nail artists, photographers, dress shops and executive transport companies. Some of the students could act as models on the catwalk. Malcolm thought this was a good idea and that there was lots of potential, as the prom was such a big event.

Malcolm thanked THSA for their commitment and left the meeting.

After half term it was decided that we would hold a raffle with the first prize of £100 (either gift vouchers or an item of that value), and several other prizes including the Macc Town tickets and perhaps vouchers for a restaurant, Alton Towers, Bollington Leisure Centre, Tytherington Club. Antonia will ask the Tytherington Club and Jane will ask Michelle if she knows who else we can ask. The idea is that each child takes home say five tickets that they must try to sell (more will be provided if necessary and they can bring unsold tickets back to school). They will have 2 weeks to sell their tickets and the draw will take place just before the Easter holidays. This idea will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

5. Treasurer's Report

The account stands at £5007.38 with £133 expected in from 500 club payments and £500 to be paid out in 500 club winnings. Antonia pointed out that the bank had been slow in changing the signatories and had therefore stopped cheques that were sent out to September and October 500 club winners. However, Antonia has not heard if the July and August cheques were stopped also. After chasing up the bank it seems that the necessary changes were only made at the end of last week.

6. 500 Club (moved from item 4 on the agenda)

October draw:

1st - JM & C Shaw

2nd – Mr & Mrs Haigh

3rd – Mr & Mrs Haigh

November draw:

1st – D Brown

2nd – NF & SP Baker Brian

3rd – Phil Whittaker

The web site will be up dated with the winners.

The new 500 Club rules will be put on the website along with a downloadable application form and standing order mandate. Antonia will look to purchase numbers up to 500 that we can use for the draw. We will promote the 500 club at the quiz, any other THSA future events and in THS Life. Pauline said she would speak to Costcutter to see if we could advertise with them.

7. Any Other Business

In order to promote THSA and our events we decided that it would be good to have a regular half page item in THS Life with photos of events and reminders of dates and the 500 club. Jane will ask Pat to find out when we need to submit items for this half term's edition.

Antonia is sending off the forms for NCPTA membership this week. Once we have confirmation that this is in place then we need to apply for charity status. Hopefully we will be able to sort this out at the next meeting. As soon as we have this status then we can ask parents if they know of companies who match fund and get gift aid on donations. Pauline also suggested that we could ask parents who like challenges ie marathons, swimathons etc, if they would like to do this to raise funds for THSA.

8. Time and date of next meeting

6th February, 2012 at 7pm in the LRC library.