

**Balshaw's Association Meeting held on Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup> of January 2024 starting at 7.30pm.**

**Charity Number 1176684.**

**Present. Julia Monks, Tracie Vass, Steve Haycocks, Keith Woodcock, Alice Derbyshire, Jamie McGregor, Lucy Lenton and Ann Brown.**

**Apologies. Tim Callaghan, Steve Lomax, and Sarah Payne.**

1. Steve H opened the meeting with a prayer.
2. Apologies accepted.
3. **Matters arising from the minutes 28.11.23 meeting** - None
4. **Review of Silent Disco** - Members present at the meeting who attended the event reported that the evening was really enjoyed by Years 7 and 8 and the Prefects assisting in a supervisor role took the position seriously but also enjoyed the evening. **Alice** explained to the meeting that the fun glasses she had purchased had sold well but the Glo Sticks were not quite as popular, she said she will purchase more items for the next Silent Disco. **Jamie** thought a higher float for the Disco evenings would be helpful because it is difficult when everyone is waiting to be served at the same time.
5. **Review of Quizmas** - Keith told the meeting that the evening was very enjoyable and he enjoyed preparing the questions, but he was disappointed because it was very poorly attended, he thought the evening had not been advertised adequately there was no mention of the Bingo element on any of the media material and having spoken to some of the attendees he surmised more people would have attended if this part of the evening had been advertised more openly.
6. **Winter Social Evening** - Tracie is arranging a Night Out at Fat Sam's in Leyland on Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> of January, she will upload the details to members on What's App please can anyone wishing to attend advise Tracie as soon as possible then she can confirm the booking.
7. **Horses and Hotpot 8.3.2024** - Julia asked Steve if it would be possible for the Catering Department to prepare the food for the evening, Steve will report back to the next meeting with the details. Advertising material will need to be prepared for the event and pricing decided £4.00 per person was discussed but not confirmed. Raffle prizes will be needed for the event if any members have anything suitable, please can they be sent into school as soon as possible, thank you.
8. **#Balfest24/FunDay 18.5.2024** - Members at the meeting discussed the format of the day, Julia has contacted South Ribble Council regarding the hiring of their Gazebos she has the details saved and will confirm with them nearer the date. Advertising for Stall Holders will be placed on

social media, different pricing will be in place depending on if the stall holder is a business or just a Craft Maker also Stall Holders will be asked if they can provide a Raffle Prize for the event. **Action required for Tim - Lucy brought up the subject of Pizza supplies at the event and thought we should confirm availability and totals now in case the Association needs to purchase from another source. Action required by Steve L during the course of the discussions regarding the format on the day, Members thought a Football Tournament similar to the one you organised at a previous Spring Fair would be an excellent attraction on the day, if possible, please can you arrange for #Balfest24Funday.** Attractions on the day **Lucy** has offered to advertise for stall holders on social media. **Julia** will confirm the hiring of the Gazebos and **Jamie** will contact a company at Preston Docks regarding the hire of an Inflatable. Steve H will also contact Stall Holders he has the contact details of to check their availability.

9. **Recruitment** - Recruiting new members for the Association was discussed at the meeting it was decided that potential members might be recruited as in previous years if the Association members could attend Parent Evenings and discuss with the parents attending the work of the P.T.A. the evenings run from 4.00pm until 7.00pm and the dates are **Year 10 the 18.01.2024, Year 9 the 14.3.2024 and Year 8 the 18.4.2024** could members able to attend please arrive at school anytime within the time frame, thank you.

#### 10.A.O.B. -

**Valentine's Silent Disco** - A Silent Disco will be held on Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup> of February 2024 for Years 7,8 and 9. Steve H will arrange the hiring of the equipment. Lucy will purchase the food etc and volunteers will be needed for the night.

**Replacement of the School Minibus** - Members present at the meeting discussed funding for projects in school provided by the P.T.A. Steve H thought helping with the purchase of a new Minibus would be a good project after discussing the idea it was decided that the Association will raise funds for this and provide £15,000.00 towards the purchase price.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup> of February 2024 starting at 7.30pm.