

BALSHAW'S ASSOCIATION P.T.A. MEETING WEDNESDAY THE 1ST OF NOVEMBER 2023

CHARITY NUMBER 176684

Present: Julia Monks, Steve Haycocks, Tim Callaghan, Alice Derbyshire, Keith Woodcock, Sharon Haworth, Jamie McGregor, Lucy Lenton and Ann Brown.

Apologies: Tracie Vass, Steve Lomax and Sarah Payne.

Steve H opened the meeting with a prayer.

Julia was delayed at the beginning of the meeting therefore Tim stepped in as Chairperson.

1. **Apologies** - Noted.
2. **Matters arising from the A.G.M of the 4th of October 2023** - None.
3. **Steve H update on School Council** - Steve confirmed the date of year's 7 and 8 School Council Meeting will be on Thursday the 16th of November.
4. **Update on preparations for the Silent Disco** - Steve H told members present at the meeting that the Headsets have been received at school and are ready prepared for the evening, after the event they will be cleaned and returned to the supplier, (instructions about the strict cleaning process were included with the Headsets) he also said that many of the students attending the disco are really excited and have been making and buying Halloween costumes. Lucy read out a list of the food items she has purchased for the evening, Alice thought more drinks could be required members present agreed so Lucy will buy more before the evening, she also said she intends to warm the Hot Dog sausages in a slow cooker, and asked members if anyone else had one that could be used then the vegetarian options can be kept separately, Alice said she will provide one.
5. **Quizmas** - This event will take place on Friday 1st of December starting at 7.00pm, Keith told the members present at the meeting that he has already prepared the questions for the quiz, Steve H will oversee the Spin the Bottle and Bingo elements of the evening, some Raffle Prizes will be needed for the event if anyone has anything suitable could you please send into school before the event, thank you.
6. **December meeting** - The December meeting of the Association has been changed to Wednesday the 29th of November starting at 7.30pm.
7. **Christmas Night Out** - Members present at the meeting discussed holding at Night Out in January 2024, but did not agree on a date until Tracie the Social Secretary is present.
8. **Events for February/March 2024** - The meeting discussed ideas for events that could take place in early 2024, during the discussion members thoughts regarding Race Night were aired, after much discussion it was decided that the Association will hold a Race Night on the 8th March 2024 but instead of using a company to run the evening members of the Balshaw's Association will oversee the event
9. **Balfest 24 Funday** - Julia confirmed that she has contacted South Ribble Council regarding loaning their Gazebos for the outside stalls the contact at the council Jennifer Clough said that some of the Gazebos need repair but has provisionally booked the Association into the 2024 calendar.
10. **A.O.B.** - None.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday the 29th of November 2023 starting at 7.30pm.