

The Barlow Parent, Adults and Staff Association

Thursday 16th January 2025, 7:15pm at Barlow Club

Meeting minutes – 21



Attendees:

Naomi Durham
Charlotte Dobson
Leanne Cooper

Minutes:

Quiz Night - Saturday 25th January, 7:30 – 9pm.

Marni is kindly doing the poster for us, she has asked that **ND sends her the BPASA logo** so that it can go on the posters that any profits raised on the evening are kindly being donated to us, in turn we will promote at school on the noticeboard and via social media. It will be charged at £2 per person (max number of 6 in a team). BPASA volunteers to arrive for 7pm to set up a table for refreshments which we are providing (Hot Dogs for £2). 1st prize will be a round of drinks for the winning team. BPASA will also hold a raffle on the night. It was agreed by committee members present that we would use £50 of fund money to buy some prizes (alcohol, chocolates/biscuits and a few toys for any children present). Depending on numbers present for the any prizes not required would be put to use at future events as prizes (**ND to purchase prizes**)

Valentines Disco – Friday 14th Feb

It was agreed we would again charge £4.50 for tickets for this event and as normal there would be just 45 tickets available for purchase due to limit on numbers. The ticket price would include Hotdogs, goody bag and hopefully a potion (need to check if ZH is willing to do this again as it was very very popular at Halloween disco). It was also decided we would do the lollipop stick game, sweet jar tombolo (**LC to organise**) and have a lucky dip. **ND would again source prizes for these games.**

AOB –

- CD mentioned the idea of us getting our own PTA stamp to use at events and also ID badge and lanyard so it is more clear who we are etc. It was also discussed at looking at getting personalised lanyards and stickers. **CD to look into this further**
- Mothers Day at the end of March – It was agreed we would look into doing the same as the Lads and Others event and offering a couple of gift ideas that the children could chose from to purchase as they seem to like having the option of choosing their gifts. It was discussed that the plants would be another option (**ND to speak to the supplier we used last year and order 50**) and then committee to look into other options such as the best mum / grandma etc keyrings. We need an option of 3 items for them to choose from. The event will take place on either Thursday 27th or Friday 28th March and will be confirmed once we have liaised with school and items priced at £1.50 each.
- World Book Day – Thursday 6th March. Looking into doing the 'Wonka Chocolate Bar / Golden Ticket' idea. CD suggested naming them 'Barlow Bars' and the idea is to wrap chocolate bars in specially designed wrappers (**CD to look into designing these**) and a number of golden tickets will also be wrapped with them and the lucky winners will get a special prize. We are hoping to ask school if they can offer any 'prizes' that the children can have such as extra break time, more house points for them etc. All chocolate bars would be ordered and pre-paid for and then children come to the table after school and choose a chocolate bar. **All committee members** to look in local outlets to see if any suitable chocolate bars / prices and report back.

- It was noted that as a committee we had submitted a formal complaint via school due to a supplier not being paid within reasonable time. School have acknowledged the complaint and said it will go through the official channels and to expect a response in the next few weeks. In the meantime the supplier has now been paid.
- In turn further discussions turned to us setting up our own bank account. The hurdles arise from bank charges for 'business accounts' and not many now offer club accounts and as we aren't a registered charity that route isn't an option either. We want to make sure we are making the right choice so we don't end up paying lots of charges. The one account we have found so far is with Virgin bank so CD was asked to look into this one further and outline charges etc and send out to committee members for approval. This ties into having our own constitution – CD & ND offered to look into this through Parentkind and amend as appropriate.
- As MD & ZH not present we just need to check in as to where we are at with raffle prizes / donations for future events and look forward to the possible Summer Fayre and try get into businesses at the start of the year.

The meeting concluded and the next meeting to be held on Thursday 6th February 2025 at Barlow Club, 7pm.