

THSA Committee Meeting 17th October 2011

1. Welcome and Apologies

Present: Clare Brown, Jane Juif, Pat Lomas, Antonia Petreanu, Nancy Bunyan, Michelle Foden, Judith Barden, Ethel Knight, Clair Arnold, Jane Griffiths, Liz Healey, Oliver Sharpe, Ryan Carless

Apologies: Anita Evans

2. Minutes approved from previous meeting

Minutes were agreed and approved by the committee. Ethel pointed out that the idea of a covered seated area, although expensive, should not be dismissed contrary to how it sounded in the last meeting's minutes.

3. Quiz Night

This was added to the agenda as we were joined by two sixth form students who came to discuss their ideas on the organisation of a quiz night. They are planning on organising two nights; one for Marlborough School and one for Tytherington HS. The Marlborough quiz night is planned for the 20th January and Oliver and Ryan were happy with our proposed date of Friday 3rd February for the THSA night with a suggested time of 7.30 arrival for 8pm start. The sixth form business studies students will prepare the questions, host the event and organise refreshments. The THSA will help promote the event, help on the night and organise a temporary event licence so that alcohol can be served. The quiz will be for adults only and open to parents and their friends from all years including the feeder schools. Tickets will cost £2.50 per person or £10 for a group of 5. Pat confirmed that we would have to pay £25 per hour after 10pm for the maintenance staff but up to that time we would just have to pay the minimum amount to cover costs – perhaps £5. The sixth formers will prepare a letter to hand out to pupils, a flyer to be sent to the feeder schools and an advert for the THS Life that comes out just before Christmas. It was suggested that we should also sell packets of crisps and raffle tickets. We are hoping that we will still have some raffle prizes left over from the Christmas Market that will be suitable. Clare thanked Oliver and Ryan and they left the meeting.

4. Christmas Market

Liz confirmed that her group of students will help organise the Christmas Market. They will produce a poster, a flyer and an advert for THS Life. It was agreed that we would charge £2 entry per adult which would include a free mince pie, and that children/pupils will be free. Pat will check whether the school hall is free on Friday evening and if so then it was suggested that this would be a better venue than the refectory as we could set the tables up the day before. Even so, it was decided that some helpers will need to be at school by 8am on the Saturday to finish the set up and let the stall holders in. Liz said that her group could help on Friday evening and suggested getting the sixth form business students involved as well. Posters will be displayed in the foyer, every form room and on all the corridors. Flyers will be

distributed to all the feeder schools via internal post and the THSA will make sure all the main shops and venues in Macclesfield have flyers to hand out. Pat said that we could get a banner made for £67 that we could use every year saying, 'Christmas Market This Saturday.' However, we would need to add the time to this. Clair asked if it would not be possible to get the tech department to construct a placard/board that we could put up every year and just change the date and time.

It was decided that we would sell tea, coffee, hot chocolate, cans of drink and squash. All drinks will be £1 except for the squash which will be 50p. Liz's group will approach Tesco's for donations of all of the above and Michelle will call Costa Coffee to see if they will donate disposal cups.

With regard to the non-uniform day, the staff and governors have decided that it would be inappropriate to ask for tombola prizes on Children in Need day. Instead they have proposed that the children bring in an item for their house assembly which will be put on the stage in their house groups in return for wearing something different, which has yet to be decided by the teachers. The idea is that the house that collects the most items will be awarded extra house points. Jane will compose a letter explaining the kind of items we need and informing the parents of the Christmas Market and the kind of stalls we already have booked.

14 stalls have already been booked. Jane G said that the yr8s will be having a cake stall and that Paint-a-Pot may also be interested. Liz's group will also have a stall and organise games. Jane suggested that we should be contacting Alton Towers and Spivvey's Web for raffle prizes, Clair suggested Fishy Feet and Michelle said she would speak to Macc Town Football Club, Barrow's Butchers and the Co-op. If we manage to get prizes from all these sources then it was decided that some would be kept back for future events such as the Christmas Concert or the Quiz Night. It was suggested that the number of prizes in the raffle could be outweighed by the value of certain ones ie. a few very good prizes might be better than lots of mediocre ones. However, many people buy tickets to support the cause and not always for what they can win. Clare will purchase raffle books.

Jane G had the idea of a Santa's Grotto where a child could pay say £3 and for that they could choose a gift bag and a gift that they could then give to their parents/siblings as a Christmas present. This would take quite a bit of organising but Jane was going to speak to Spivvy's Web to see if they could provide everything we needed at cost.

5. 500 Club Draw

July draw:

1st – SM&J Beckett

2nd – Dave Farbrother

3rd – GM&CD Shaw

Antonia will update the website.

6. Christmas Concert

This year's Christmas Concert is on the 6th December from 7.30-9.30. However, we don't know where it will be held or which years will be present. Jane will ask Grace England for more details and let her know that the THSA are happy to help. It was suggested that we could hold a raffle with the winning tickets announced at the interval but again we will need to check that the music department haven't got their own raffle. The finer details will be sorted out at the next meeting.

7. Any Other Business

Ethel said that she has a governors' meeting on Thursday and that she will promote the THSA and hopefully this will help improve links.

8. Time and date of next meeting

28th November, 2011 at 7pm in the LRC library.