

# MINUTES

## Howley Grange PTA Minutes

March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Nicki Bolton at 7:08 p.m.

### In attendance

Julie Egerton  
Amanda Simons  
Kate Wolstencroft  
Vicky Lambert  
Paula Bates  
Anna McSparran  
Dave Guest  
Nic Cannings - Secretary  
Zoe Cilliers - Treasurer  
Zillah Williams - Joint Chair  
Nicki Bolton - Joint Chair  
Martin James - Head  
Simon Duncan - Deputy Head  
Dave Hill

### Apologies

Doreen Corser  
Sue Whitehouse  
Liz Cottle  
Glen Nicholls  
Tracy Worton

### Welcome

Nicki & Zillah welcomed everyone back after the "extended" half term. Martin explained the reason for the school's power failure was due to corrosion of the cable connection between the old cable and the new extension.

### Apologies and approval of the Last meetings minutes

Apologies were submitted and Nic circulated the minutes from the last meeting which were unanimously approved.

### Updates – Fete and Forest Schools

The first Fete meeting took place in February – no date has been set for a second meeting as yet. PTA members were reminded to watch the school newsletters for updates. The Bouncy Castles have been confirmed for the fete, and we have had offers of a performance of Street Dancing by the after school Street dance club, the Golf Pro from Halesowen Golf club has volunteered for a stall, and we have the offer of Army Cadets as runners on the day and to help set up and take everything down at the end of the fete. We have also had the offer of Donkeys either for racing or rides, but it was decided that these would not be required.

Zillah confirmed that £600 had been paid to School for the purchase of Mature Trees as part of the Forest Schools project. There was a brief discussion around help to prepare parts of the site for when the Forest Schools Project begins, but no dates / details were confirmed. Kate offered the school 300 Acer whips.

### Beer & Skittles – Volunteers:

The Athletics Club have provided one skittle alley, and there is also the likelihood that a second one will be available via Martin. The Licence has already been requested for the event, which will be open for up to eighty participants. The Fish and Chips will be provided by either the Kent Road Chippy or Parkes at the Stag. There will be 2 sittings of food with 40 each time. Spot prizes will be provided for first strike, highest score etc. Tattoos and Glow sticks for children will be available. Volunteers will be needed on the evening to help set up, referee and run the bar(s). Martin volunteered year 6 to bring tables into the hall on the afternoon. Kate asked about how the hall would be set up to accommodate both lanes and all people. It was decided that both lanes would be set up in the middle with a left and right split on meal sittings. Paula, Anna, Nic and Kate volunteered. Martin & Simon offered to help run the bar. Tickets to be coloured based on food choice.

### **Comic Relief Chocolate Mufti Update / Volunteers:**

A copy of the chocolate Mufti letter to be tweaked and sent to Claire to go out from school.

- **Collecting Donations at the gates:**  
Zoe volunteered to collect at the gates
- **Sorting of Chocolate / Making Hampers:**  
Anna volunteered to come into school on the 18<sup>th</sup> to sort chocolate. Zilla and Kate will be able to come in on the 21<sup>st</sup> to make up hampers
- **Selling Raffle Tickets**  
Volunteers were requested to help sell raffle tickets, once hampers have been made.

### **Quiz Night – Change of date**

Howleys Angels attended the quiz at Halesowen Golf club on 25<sup>th</sup> February. The quiz was of a good standard and the quiz master was very good, with a variety of subjects. 20<sup>th</sup> May was the date offered as he cannot make 6<sup>th</sup> May, however, this is not convenient for school. Other possible dates discussed were 8<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> July. No decision made as yet.

### **Parental Involvement**

Zillah raised parental involvement as a topic for discussion, suggesting helping out with work to be done around school etc. Martin suggested working parties could be organized as these have worked well in the past, but we are currently waiting for drier weather / better idea of what needs to be done. Martin did suggest that getting parents involved during school hours with helping out the Gardening club might be a way to proceed.

### **Any Other Business – Schedule date of next meeting**

The Car Wash suggestion was raised again as a fund raiser for after Easter, possibly combining with a working party date, once Simon is in a position to advise on what might be required.

Nicki tabled an idea for a Beauty night in November, Martin suggested a fashion show (as these have been held previously) Nicki to get further info from Hurst Green PTA, possibly look to combine with stalls for Christmas gifts etc. Update to be provided at a future meeting.

The next PTA meeting is scheduled to be held in school on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011 at 7pm.

Meeting was closed at 8.10pm