Monday 6th July 2015

Attendees
Tricia Elliott, Anita Hodge, Janet Odom, David Edser, Richard Gardner, Jacqui Green, Tiffany Thomas, Martin Rushton, Sue Douglas

Apologies
Sue Kellow, Juliet Diaz, Stuart Gardner, Marianne Griffiths, Luds Edser

Previous Minutes
June minutes were agreed. It was noted that 100 Club information wasn’t included. Minutes were emailed out to parents on 3rd July.

Chair Report

- Quiz
  The quiz was again very successful, making over £350 profit. £125 was made from the sale of the raffle tickets as all prizes were kindly donated. Special thanks go to Mr Fish and Mr Holeyman for being such great quiz masters.

- Year 12 BBQ
  David organised the Year 12 bbq which was funded by the school. It was noted that some of the boys from other years were upset when the event ran out of time and they were unable to purchase anything as advertised. Staff and Year 12s were first in the queue and anyone else followed on afterwards. The HA is still waiting for the school to transfer the cost of the event.

- Year 9 Parents’ Evening
  There was positive feedback about the professional look of the PTA stand.

- Year 6 into Year 7 Evening
  This was very positive for the HA with three or four people already interested in volunteering in September.

- Ward Funding
  David is chasing this. Funding will be supplied for a HA display board and till. The board will consist of several panels and the HA’s name printed at the top and it will incorporate a laptop stand. A separate discussion before purchase to finalise this and the till will need to take place.
Head Teacher’s Report

- **Year 7 Trip**
  Unfortunately the Year 7 trip to France last week had to be cancelled due to Operation Stack. The parents have been refunded which was thought more appropriate than holding the money over for another time. The Year 8 trip to France tomorrow will go ahead.

- **New Lectern/Sound system**
  Richard reported that the school has purchased a new sound system for the hall at a good price. It can be used for prize-giving, and can also be taken outside.

Treasurer’s Report
The Current Account has £2,979.76
The Business Account has £2,341.82.

School Captain's Report
The School Captains are not currently in school.

Prize-Giving
Strawberries have been ordered, Tricia and Anita will deliver to DT fridges during Thursday and purchase cream. Anita and Tricia have already organised spoons, napkins, cups and bowls for the event and the school will be billed by the HA for the total cost.
The HA needs to set up and prepare from 5.00pm. Boys and parents arrive from 5.30pm and the actual ceremony will start at 6.00pm and be over before 7.00pm.
The strawberries and cream will be served in the atrium at the end of the ceremony, with a drink choice of either Pimms and lemonade or squash. Tricia noted the volunteers.

Founder’s Day

- **Bake Off**
  The bake-off now needs promoting. Information to be promoted at school and will emailed out to staff tomorrow. Students entering a cake will receive 10 house points. The cakes will be sold by the HA on the day and the money will go towards the new sports equipment.

- **Hog Roast**
  Prepaid tickets are to be collected at the gate on the night. The school will be asked to send an email out on Parentpay and to staff. These have already been designed, printed and allocated. Anita and Tricia had a separate meeting to organise this at the weekend.
  Any additional requests for Hog Roast at this late stage will not include a drink. Drinks for the event have already been ordered by the bar and will also be additional available to purchase on the night. The Chef will start serving from 6.00pm. David has offered to help serve and staff members may be available. As volunteers have also purchased tickets to enjoy the event it would not be fair for each person to spend very long assisting with the serving, so if as many volunteers as possible could help with this it would enable everyone to have time to enjoy the evening.
The premises license was applied for in May and after negotiations, Richard confirmed that it was validated today. It cost £21 and is valid for two hours, 6-8pm.

- **Provisions**
  David and Tricia will be shopping on Friday for remaining provisions for Founder’s Day. On Monday Anita and Tricia will be getting approx. 300 ice-creams – ice will be needed, also salad to go with the roast which will be served in a bun with stuffing and apple sauce and maybe new potatoes. The school will reimburse the HA for the evening event. Richard will be getting the vegetarian food. The chef for the hog is arriving at 10.00am. He will set up on the grass in front of the old building. Electrics will be needed for the freezer. Anita to email Mrs Pike about freezer space in DT rooms. David and Luds will set up for the burgers.

- **Raffle**
  Donations are needed for the raffle, which will be drawn in the evening. The HA will be buying a Pimms hamper as a prize and already have donations from Leeds Castle, Cyclopark and Da Vinci’s restaurant. Anita also suggested asking Papa Johns for vouchers as the school use them on house nights. Attendees were asked to publicise any emails sent about the raffle.

**100 Club**
The numbers drawn were:

1st No. 46 – Mrs L Brinkat
2nd No. 59 – Mrs L Wood
3rd No. 10 – Mrs P Hope

David wrote out the cheques at the end of the meeting and will send to the winners.

**Date of Next Meeting**
**To be confirmed in September**

The Holcombe Association would like to wish everyone a fantastic summer. Good luck to all those moving on. We are looking forward to meeting the new students and parents in September.

Chairperson: Anita Hodge and Tricia Elliott- email chair@holcombe.org.uk

You can also now find us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/HolcombeAssociation

If you cannot spare the time to attend meetings please contact us if you would like to be an occasional volunteer, all help is appreciated and NEEDED.

Every parent/carer and member of staff is most welcome at all of our meetings.