



Minutes of the Ashlyns School Association Meeting

2 November 2022 – 7.30pm

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

Gary welcomed everyone to the meeting, in particular the many new faces looking to get involved and support the ASA.

Apologies had been received from Alison.

2. Allocation of funding

- a. The Head of Science 'Wishlist' of items was approved by the meeting. AW would advise the staff member.
- b. There were no other funding requests.

3. Fundraising ideas

- a. Bespoke Gin – the ASA had received a fundraising proposal from a local individual who owns a distillery and works with schools to produce bespoke spirits made from locally foraged ingredients. The meeting agreed this was not an opportunity to pursue. Gary would notify him.
- b. N2Y Uniform extension – DofE, Prom Dresses, 6th Form outfits
The meeting agreed that this would provide a valuable service and raise funds. It was agreed that this should be run alongside, but not be a direct part of the N2Y uniform process.
 1. Andrea would look into the availability of storage space at school.
 2. Volunteers to run this were asked to email the ASA inbox asa@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk
- c. London Marathon – The ASA had one entry to the 2023 London Marathon. It was agreed to publicise this via the school and staff ebulletins but recognised it would be preferable for a member of staff to run the event so as to increase pupil engagement. Interested parties to put their names forward for selection by ballot.

4. Events this term

- a. Halloween Disco – this was held on 19 October and was well attended (180 tickets sold) and a huge success. The meeting expressed thanks to the 6th Form helpers.
- b. Craft Fair 20 November – All stalls had been sold and arrangements were ongoing. Volunteer sign up genius had been issued and volunteers were filling the slots. New2You uniform would also be on sale at the event.
 - i. 2 Izettle tills would be hired to support the Café, N2Y Uniform sale and hamper ticket sales.
- c. Tombola at Festival of Light 27 November – Helena P has a team organised to manage this event. Request for donations would be in the 4/11 ebulletin.
- d. Cyclo-Cross refreshments 4 December – Gareth G has a team organised to manage this event. Dhrooti to provide more details

- e. Carol Concert 11 December
 - i. Decorating of Chapel will be organised by Dhrooti.
 - ii. Mulled wine and mince pies will be organised by Gary and Jo H. Gary would apply for a licence.
- f. Christmas Hampers (draw to be made on 19 December). A list of themes for the hampers had already been communicated and people across the town and in Bovington had volunteered to act as drop off points. Liz and David would manage the process again this year. Request for donations to be in the 4/11 ebulletin.
- g. Wreath making 9 December – Hannah DB has a team organised to manage this event. DM will support.
- h. Santa's sleigh 7 December – Clare F is organising a team to manage this event with the Rotary Club.
- i. 2023 Quiz Night – Jenny S has agreed to organise this event Feb / Mar 2023. DM to agree and communicate a date for this event so early preparations and bookings can be made.

5. ASA Volunteers

Gary expressed thanks to those who had come forward as additional volunteers and attended the meeting. The aim was to keep building this network as this will just serve to increase our fund-raising capacity

Also, for responsibility for regular events to be shared so that each event is managed by a separate small team, thus reducing the overall demand on each ASA member.

6. Any Other Business

- a. Facebook maintenance and updates were currently undertaken by Dhrooti M who would approach Amy C to see if she would be willing to take this on.
- b. No further ASA meetings were planned for 2022 due to the high number of events. Separate event-based meetings would be scheduled as required.