Haverford Middle School PTO Meeting

September 12, 2017

Meeting called to order 704pm

**Attendees:** Principal Dan Horan, Assistant 6th Grade Principal Matt Crater, Teacher Jon Smerecky (6th grade Science/Social Studies)

President Brie Irwin, Vice President Sarah Maxwell, Treasurer Carol Buehler, Recording Secretary Jennifer McNicholas, Corresponding Secretary Michele Moresco

Jamie Veight, Linda Short, Therese Menear, Rebecca Parmet, Sandy Olsavsky, Laura McClatchy, Judi Stollsteimer, Barbara Archie, Jean Sweeney, Kristina White, Kathleen Eprigat, Betsy McElreavery, Stacy Collins

**Treasurer Report** provided by Carol Buehler

-item#17 on treasurer report is to be changed from “PTO- Volunteer Manager” to “PTO-A to Z Directory”

-this will be Carol’s last year as treasurer, so would like to recruit a new treasurer this year

-new items added to this year’s budget are the food truck (income and expenses)

-report approved by Sandy Olsavsky and Laura McClatchey

**Previous Meeting Minutes Approval**

-May 2017 PTO meeting minutes approved by Sandy Olsavsky and Laura McClatchey

**President’s Report by Brie Irwin**

-Volunteer database changed from Volunteer Builder to AtoZ Directory

 -All directories will be on-line, they will not be printed out

 -Vice President (Sarah Maxwell) is in charge of membership/directories/Facebook

 -Please reach out to other parents to see if they are getting emails; let Brie and Sarah know

 -If membership dues are paid your access to AtoZ Directory is valid until 2018 (Will consider if you want sponsors/advertisers/but will need a committee to do this)

 -$20 cash or $21 online/paypal for PTO membership

**Teachers Report by Jon Swerecky**

-Clubs/activities have started. Next week on Sept 19, 20, and 22, 6th graders will be attending the activities fair during school hours. Further information is located on the HMS website. Contact the advisors for additional information.

-First Activities night is October 20, 2017 7-830pm held at the school. Pizza, dancing, dodgeball, basketball, and ping pong are some of the activities. The parent contact is Maria Purdy-PTO will send out email to ask for chaperones. All chaperones will need current clearances.

 -Please give completed clearances to Esther Schiller (Oakmont office), schiller@havsdnet , or call 610-853-5900 extension 7235 to find out if your clearances are still current.

-Fall Sports started today; [http://47901.digitalsports.com/#](http://47901.digitalsports.com/) is a link that has all the sports schedules.

-Band auditions will be held in late October-audition materials will be available late September.

-Yearbooks ($25)on sale now until November 15 <https://www.haveford.k12.pa.us/domain/834>

**-Important Dates/Upcoming Events**

 -Sept 15-6th grade team activity day

 -Sept 21-No school

 -Back to school nights -Sept 25 6th grade start at 6pm to talk about Camp Candadenis,

 - Sept 26-7th grade start at 630pm

 -Sept 27- 8th grade start at 630pm

 (Back to school night need volunteers ½ hour before and until 830pm)

 -October 6-HMS 8th grade Band performs at Varsity football game

 -October 27-6th Grade Halloween Dance 530-7pm (Dance is for 6th graders. DJ needed-please contact school if you or someone you know is a fun DJ who will interact with the kids). Included in the dance ticket, is free admission to the Varsity home football game immediately following. Parent contact is Amy Giacomucci. Will need parent volunteers with clearances.

**Ongoing Business**

**-Spirit Wear**

-Can pick up (previously ordered) spirit wear on Back to School night

-Will have on-line orders about 3 times a year

-Will have “cash and carry” t-shirts available for purchase at Back to School Night

**-Box tops** We will be collecting box tops again this year. Kids are to bring them into their homeroom. At the end of the year, the homeroom with the most box tops will receive a party. Last year, we received $998.

**New Business**

-By-Laws have been updated. (Changes made include committees being removed, and the ability to remove a board member) They will be available to view on PTO website and will be voted on at next meeting on October 10. All attendees at October’s meeting will be able to vote on By-Laws.

**-Giant A+**- Registration started. If you were registered for HMS before, then you are automatically registered. But if you are a new family or a family from an elementary school, then you will need to re-register. October 6 to March is the time frame that the school benefits from your shopping. Check is given directly to HMS at the end of the school year.

**-IDC-Intra-Disctrict Council-** Monthly meeting that includes a representative from each of the (Haverford) elementary, middle, and high schools. First meeting is Monday Sept 25 parent contact is Betsy McElreavy.

**-School Board** **Report** by Stacy Collins -New updates throughout the district include: new turf, several new gym floors, Lynnewood received 2 wheelchair lifts, Chatham received new fire alarm, new playground at Coopertown, new desks at 3 elementary schools, just to name a few. Full school report can be found on HMS website.

**Principal’s Report**

-3 Policies have been updated/revised including:

 -Field trip

 -Attendance –more information to be given at Back to School Night

 -Acceptable use of Internet

-Inclusiveness policy-is being currently formulated/updated

-Safe arrival system-more information will be provided at Back to School Night

-Student led conferences pilot being formed-one team per grade. Students will attend and present at their parent/teacher conferences

-Reviewing summer homework-any feedback, please let Dan Horan know

-New initiative “H-PRIDE” -Positive behavior traits; kids will be asked to display these behaviors. Positive behavior traits will be recognized. Plan is to share with HS and elementary schools.

-Safe Arrival-new app- Use smart phone instead of sending in a note for absence, info goes directly to power school. More information to be given at Back to School Night.

Next PTO meeting will be held on Tuesday October 10 at 7pm at HMS Library. Dr. Reusche will be joining us!

Motion to close meeting at 814pm by Sandy Olsavsky and Laura McClatchy