

HMS PTO October 2015 Minutes

A meeting of the Haverford Middle School (HMS) PTO was held in the HMS Library on October 13th, 2015.

In attendance: Dan Horan (Principal), Katie Hoge (Teacher Representative), Merri Lee Newby (President), Maria Purdy (Vice-President), Carol Buehler (Treasurer), Beth Zukowski-Dougherty (Secretary), Dana Key, Gina Catrambone, Lawrence Price, Nicole Price, Dawn Simcox, Betsy McElreavey, Megan Salvesen, Bernadette Lawson, Renee Lawler, Therese Menear, Kris Vaughn, Steph Kelly, Ann Phillips, Susan Pollock, Linda Short, Catherine Frank, Brie Irwin, Lisa Kozlowski, Angela Helfer.

President Newby called the meeting to order at 7:00.

Opening of Meeting:

President Newby introduced herself.

- Maria Purdy made a motion to approve minutes for September Meeting. Carol Buehler seconded the motion. Voted with a show of hands.
- Membership Drive - Only 100 families registered from the 6th Grade. Directory will be going to printer on October 14th. Discussed sending a mailer to try to recruit more 6th Grade families.
- Budget for 2015-2016 - took out Scullin Fund and 8th Grade Honors Night. Dues totalled \$7,586.10 this year, compared to last year's \$9,435.87. Parents vocalized that they had a hard time navigating PayPal.
- Beth Zukowski-Dougherty made a motion to approve budget. Kris Vaughn seconded the motion. Approved with hand raise.

Upcoming Events:

- **6th Grade Halloween Dance** - chaired by Renee Lawler and Therese Menear. It will be held on Friday, October 23rd from 7-8:30 PM. Budget is \$800.00. Letters, sign-up genius and committees have been established. Volunteers are soliciting prizes to be given at the dance. Chaperones are being selected.
- **Box Tops** chaired by Angela Helfer. Box Tops were submitted on 9/30 yielding \$877.40. A check in the amount of \$895.80 should be received in December. December 22nd will be the next collection. Discussed contests and Labels for Education.
- **No Place for Hate** chaired by Beth Zukowski-Dougherty. This is a school-wide culture initiated by the Anti-Defamation League. Nothing to report at this time.
- **Activity Nights** - chaired by Maria Purdy. 300 people attended the first Activity Night on 10/2. 106 tickets were presold. 12 chaperones attended. Pizza and water was available. Next Activity Night is on 11/20.

- **Impact Testing** - chaired by Merri Lee Newby. Pre and post concussion testing will be offered on 10/23 and 11/5 after school. It takes between 1 and 1 ½ hours to complete. Pre-registration is required.
- **Book Fair** - chaired by Sarah Brooks and Jen Kirkland. Will be held from 11/9 to 11/13. Wednesday night opened from 6:30 to 8:30. Books will come from Children's Book World. No credit cards will be accepted. A signup genius will be sent out soon.

President's Report

- President Newby thanked all volunteers for three Back-to-School nights.
- **Spirit Wear Sale** - Amanda Ciarlante was not present. She sent a report that Merri Lee presented on her behalf. Back-to-School Night Proforma "Cash & Carry" Spirit Wear sale contributed \$614.00. Next sale will be in November. Items will be in time for Holidays.

Teacher's Report

Mrs. Hoge introduced herself, and explained her role. She will keep us abreast of different things that the teachers are doing in and around the school.

- Friday, 10/23 6th Grade Halloween Dance
 - Friday, 10/30 Act 80 Day (11:20 dismissal for students)
 - Tuesday, 11/3 In-Service Day (no school for students)
 - Friday, 11/6 Picture Retake Day
 - November 9-13 HMS Book Fair
 - Friday, 11/13 End of Quarter 1
 - Monday, 11/16 Start of Quarter 2
- 6th Grade Activities Fair - 1st Activities Fair was held last week during Advisory. Students got to see all the activities and clubs available at HMS.
 - 7th Grade Info Tech - students in 7th Grade Info Tech are starting companies. Mr. Cardarelli is leading this initiative.
 - Teachers are thankful for water cooler.

New Business

- IDC Report - Ann Phillips is our representative. All PTO Presidents are invited to next meeting on 10/26 at the Oakmont Administration Building at 7:00. Better ways of communication with all schools will be discussed.
- Water Cooler - having trouble with deliveries. Thinking about going with a different company.
- Phones 4Charity - Brie Irwin talked about collecting old phones, chargers, accessories and having money donated to a charity of our choice. Discussed making it a part of Martin Luther King Service Day Projects.

- Free Heart Screening at the Haverford School - presented by Merri Lee Newby. Free screenings (ECG) on Saturday 10/17th.
- Plastic Tubs for PTO closet - \$200.00 was approved to spend. Gina Catrambone made a motion to approve, and Renee Lawler seconded the motion. Passed by show of hands.
- Marple Sports Arena - presented by Merri Lee Newby. Discussed having a fundraiser for HMS.

Principal's Report

Mr. Horan prepared a separate agenda for his portion of the meeting.

- **Havertown Township Police Department** - Police Officers will walk through all buildings in our township, building better relationships between community and schools.
 - **John Collins Writing Program** - formulaic writing program, all teachers among all subjects.
 - **Book Fair** - 11/9 - 11/13 Sponsor will be Children's Book World.
 - **Afterschool Clubs & Activities** - Activities Fair, 38 clubs and activities now offered at HMS - Looking for other funding sources
 - **Author Visits** - Matt Phelan - October 14th
Amy Ignatow - November 6th
Mike Townsend - December 4th
Andrea Davis Pickney - May 13th (Author of *The Red Pencil*)
- Also discussed Comic Con Weekend
- **Calendar** - October 16th - PINK Out
October 23rd - Act 80 - 11:20 AM
6th Grade Halloween Dance
November 3rd - Teacher in-service / No School
November 6th - Picture re-take day

Questions/Comments

None at this time.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10th at 7:00 in the HMS Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Zukowski-Dougherty
Secretary