

HMS PTO February Minutes

A meeting of the Haverford Middle School (HMS) PTO was held in the HMS Library on February 10th, 2015.

In attendance: Dan Horan (Principal), Jen Hufnal (President), Merri Lee Newby (Vice-President), Beth Zukowski-Dougherty (Secretary), Jennifer Dixon, Bernadette Lawson, Yoonie Hong-Lint, Peter Monteleone, Nichole Bethel, Catherine Frank, Tricia Mazzella, Renee Lawler, Katie Hogue

President Hufnal called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Opening of Meeting:

- President Hufnal introduced herself.
- Merri Lee Newby made a motion to approve the January minutes. Peter Monteleone made a second motion. Approved by show of hands.

Old Business:

- **MLK Day Follow Up** - chaired by Maria Purdy, reported by Jen Hufnal. Great turnout and great feedback by students, teachers and parents. Talked about what could be done to enhance the day for next year. The Dream Flag event went well. 20 or so students from the Haverford schools, including elementary school, worked with the older adults making up poems and having lunch.
- **Market Day** chaired by Jenn Dixon. February Sale, ordering cutoff at 11PM on 2/18/15. Sale Pickup date on 2/25/15. As of 2/9/15, a total of 31 items have been ordered. Preliminary Sale Value for Profit (excluding tax): \$253.77. Beginning with the March sale, all orders must be paid by credit card online at time of ordering or on day of pickup by Check only. There will not be a Market Day rep coming to delivery days anymore which is why they are changing it.

New Business

- **Spring Spirit Wear Sale** - chaired by Amanda Ciarlante, reported by Jen Hufnal. Discussed suggestions on what items to include in the Spring Sale.
- **Activity Night** - chaired by Catherine Frank. Next Activity Night will be held on Friday, 2/27. All Grades are invited. Chaperones are needed. The following night will be held on 4/10. There will be no Dodge Ball Tournament.
- **8th Grade Career Awareness Day** - chaired by Nichole Bethel. Will be held on 5/1, which is an Act 80 Day. As of date, 10 speakers are returning from last year.
- **Staff Appreciation Luncheon** - chaired by Yoonie Hong-Lint. Catered lunch will be held on 5/1. 135 people are expected to attend. Discussed raffles for baskets for teachers.
- **Teacher Wish List** - reported by Jen Hufnal. Letter and form will be delivered to teachers. Teachers will submit item, cost, and who it will serve. Deadline is March 8th. Forms will be reviewed. Discussed a gift from the PTO to the teachers.
- **Web Master Needed** - A Blast will be sent to see if there is any interest with parents.

Teacher's Report - report by Katie Hoge

- **Upcoming Events:**
 - 2/12 - 2/14 - HMS Musical - High School Musical Jr.
 - Friday , 2/23 - Act 80 Day - 11:20 dismissal
 - Monday 2/16 - No school
 - Friday 2/27 - Activities Night
 - Friday 3/6 - Act 80 Day - 11:20 dismissal

- 8th grade Latin - some students submitting projects to the Philadelphia Classical Society competition on 2/21 at the Baldwin School.
- HMS Theater - High School Musical Jr. 2/12, 2/13, 2/14
- MLK Day of Service - Over 140 students and 25+ staff members participated
- Potter Cup - held on 1/23, raised over \$35,000 for Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation

Principal's Report

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

- Digital Safety and awareness - 2/18 at 7:00 PM in auditorium presented by Patrolman Michael Flynn and Detective Thomas Long
- High School Musical - all shows are sold out
- Scheduling for HHS - Presentation and support on 2/11 & 2/18. Parent input, staff communication, scheduling meetings and observations with elementary schools
- 2015 - 2016 Calendar - Starting after Labor Day
- Calendar
 - Musical - 2/12, 2/13, and 2/14
 - Act 80 - 11:20 AM Dismissal - 2/13
 - President's Day - No school - 2/16
 - Digital Safety and Awareness - 2/18
 - Mid-point 3rd quarter - 2/20
 - Activities Night 2/27

A discussion regarding vaccinations ensued before the close of the meeting. Out of 1,336 students, 1,317 are in full compliance with vaccinations.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Zukowski-Dougherty
Secretary