

HMS PTO February 2016 Minutes

A meeting of the Haverford Middle School (HMS) PTO was held in the HMS Library on February 9th, 2016.

In attendance: Dan Horan (Principal), Katie Hoge (Teacher Representative), Merri Lee Newby (President), Beth Zukowski-Dougherty (Secretary), Tricia Mazzella, Renee Lawler, Susan Pollock, Megan Salvesen, Ann Phillips, Angela Helfer, Betsy McElreavey, Catherine Frank, Brie Irwin.

President Newby called the meeting to order at 6:58.

Opening of Meeting:

President Newby introduced herself and the Board.

- Renee Lawler made a motion to approve minutes for January Meeting. Megan Salveson seconded the motion. Voted with a show of hands.

Upcoming Events:

- Activity Night - 8th Grade only, Friday 2/12 - Volunteers needed.
- Box Tops Deadline - 2/19, \$1,579 posted to a/c. Next collection in May.
- PTO Closet Clean-Up, Saturday 2/17 at 10:30

Old Business:

- **MLK Day of Service** - chaired by Maria Purdy. Monday, 1/18, needed 10 AM to 12 PM. Activities were well attended, and the day was well run.
- **Giant A+ Rewards Program** - problem is solved with entering rewards. Users must reregister.
- **Phones4Charity** - chaired by Brie Irwin. HMS is not a 501c3 so money could not be donated to school. Another charity called Phone Razor.com will accept phones, accessories, tablets. Company has an A+ rating. Check will be sent within 10 days. Spoke with Ashley Gavio to make this an Earth Day project.
- **Box Tops & Labels for Education** - reported by Angela Helfer. Next pick up date is 2/19. Labels for Education website is up and running. A check was cut on 12/15 in the amount of \$938.80. A collection was submitted on 12/28 totalling \$605.00. Annie's products now have box tops. E Box tops are also available at checkout.
- **Spirit Wear Sale & Survey** - chaired by Amanda Ciarlante. Next sale will be up and running within the next 2 weeks.

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, 2/12 Act 80 Day / Activity Night (8th Grade only)
- Monday, 2/15 Presidents' Day / No School
- Friday, 3/4 Act 80 Day / Mid point of 3rd Quarter

- **Math Club** - The HMS Competition Math Club participated in the Delaware County MathCounts Competition. This is the first year HMS was represented, and proud to announce that our team was awarded the fourth place trophy.
- **MLK Day of Service** - MLK was a big success. Thank you the PTO for their help/support.
- **Yearbook** - A reminder from Ms. Nelson regarding 2015-2016 yearbook sales. Visit www.balfour.com to place your order or Ms. Nelson's Yearbook website for more details.

New Business

- **School Board Representatives** are needed.
- **Garden Club Seasonal Planter Updates** - Gina Ranieri is working on seasonal plans Seeking faculty member to lead beautification process for planters.
- **IDC Report** - did not meet as scheduled due to snowstorm.
- **Facebook Page** - Helene Conroy-Smith volunteered to chair.
- **2016 Spirit Drive** - In need of chairperson.
- Discussion regarding changing the by-laws regarding definition of membership - Merri Lee Newby.
- **Parent Night Topics** - Digital Safety and Awareness Presentation and Suicide Awareness and Prevention
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Principal's Report

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

- **Science Olympiad** - lead by Jana Fitzpatrick, Matt Crater, Paul Karkowski, Tim Finnegan and Laura Clinton. Rustin Invitation 1/30 and Regionals 3/2.
- **MathCounts** - lead by Teresa Riley. 4th place out of 11 schools
- **Student Safety, Health, and Wellness** - Initiative for 2016-2017
- **Sleep and the Adolescent Brain Forum** - Radnor Middle School Auditorium, Sunday 2/21, 2:00 - 4:00. Presenters will be Dr. Judith Owens, Dr. Katherine Dahlsgaard and Dr. James Scanlon.
- **Scheduling for 2016-2017** - scheduling process has started, parent letter going home soon.
- **Act 80 Teacher In-Service** - Friday, 2/12, 11:20 AM Dismissal. Topics will include analyzing mid-term data and Self-reflection - Instruction

- **New Dates** - 8th grade trip to Hershey Park - Friday, 6/3
8th grade dance - Friday, 6/10
- **Calendar** - February 10th Theme Night at HHS at 7:30 PM
February 12th Act 80 - Teacher in-service - 11:20 AM Dismissal
Activity Night for 8th grade at 7:00 PM
February 15th Presidents' Day - No school
February 16th String Night at HHS @ 7:30 PM

Questions/Comments

None at this time.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 8th at 7:00 in the HMS Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Zukowski-Dougherty
Secretary