

HMS PTO March Minutes

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

In attendance: Dan Horan (Principal), Jen Hufnal (President), Merri Lee Newby (Vice-President), Maria Purdy (Treasurer), Beth Zukowski-Dougherty (Secretary), Peter Monteleone, Jen Reimer, Catherine Frank, Pauline Dowling, Ann Phillips, Yoonie Hong-Lint, Angela Helfer, Helene Conroy-Smith, Nichole Bethel, Kathy Kerns-Phillips, Gina Raineri, Kristin Elliott, Anne Bongiovanni, Katie Hogue

President Hufnal called the meeting to order at 7:12 PM.

Opening of Meeting:

- President Hufnal introduced herself.
- Helene Conroy-Smith made a motion to approve the February minutes. Peter Monteleone made a second motion. Approved by show of hands.

Old Business:

- **Activity Night** - chaired by Catherine Frank. Activity Night was held on Friday, 2/27. 180 students attended. All Grades were invited. The next Activity Night will be held on 4/10. There will be no Dodge Ball Tournament.
- New Webmaster is Michele Blickley. Meeting with Zsolt Olah to learn the duties.

New Business

- **Market Day** chaired by Jenn Dixon. Jen Hufnal reported that as of meeting, only 2 large orders had been submitted for March.
- **Box Tops** chaired by Kathy Kerns-Phillips. Box Tops were collected from all grades, however, did not get submitted by deadline. They will be submitted for the next deadline. Team winner from each grade will get water ice party. Proceeds will go towards new library furniture.
- **Spirit Wear Sale** - chaired by Amanda Ciarlante, reported by Jen Hufnal. Suggested sending the Spirit Wear information to Haverford Elementary Schools.
- **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. Still looking for more speakers in the Education and Healthcare Fields.
 - **Staff Appreciation Luncheon** - chaired by Yoonie Hong-Lint. Catered lunch will be held on 5/1. 135 people are expected to attend. Instead of raffle baskets, discussed giving the staff a gift they could all enjoy.
 - **7th Grade Dance** chaired by Trish Mazzella and Beth Zukowski-Dougherty. Event being held on Friday, May 29th. DJ is booked. Planning details within next couple weeks.
 - **8th Grade Dance** chaired by Helene Conroy-Smith. Being held on June 12th. The theme will be "Night of Hollywood". T-shirts will be done by Tom Carbury.
 - **Teacher Wish List** - reported by Jen Hufnal. As of date, 9 wish lists were submitted. Items requested included: Chromebook Projection Device, Boys

Centered Books, Desktop Organizer, T-shirt to be framed, Book Facing Displays, Wireless Printers, Shredder. Also, discussed donating Water Cooler service for staff from PTO.

- **IDC** reported by Ann Phillips. No January Meeting. February Meeting included the Education Foundation's Twilight Run and Walk. It will be held on April 25th. This is their biggest fundraiser. It funds two \$30,000 grants. Discussed School District budget and School District size. Township is getting younger, and more students are enrolling. Manoa Elementary is bursting at the seams. District can add 4 to 6 more classes at Lynnewood and Chatham. Assistant Superintendent, Nick Rittoli, will also retire this year.
- **PTO Manager** - the site changed their format and the emails are now in color with ads.
- **ESF Summer Camps for Middle School Students** reported by Pauline Dowling. Education, Sports, Fun Camps. ESF has been around for 32 summers. Camps are offered in Technology, Science, Art, etc. Brochures were distributed. Offered at The Haverford School.
- **PSSA Information** reported by Kristen Elliott. Distributed two brochures explaining the Opting-Out of Standardized Tests.
- **Main Line Parent and Philadelphia Family School And Camp Fair** reported by Merri Lee Newby. Being held on March 14th from 10AM to 1PM at Agnes Irwin.
- **Middle School Gardens** reported by Gina Raineri. Plans are underway for pots and planters for the grounds around the Middle School. Discussed maintaining vegetable gardens, and developing watering lists for 1 week intervals over the summer.

Teacher's Report - report by Katie Hoge

- **Upcoming Events:**
 - March 18 - March 20 - Parent Conferences; 10:50 AM Dismissal
 - Friday, March 27 - End of 3rd quarter
 - March 30 - April 6 - Spring Vacation - No school
 - Tuesday, April 7 - Start of 4th quarter
- 6th Grade Counselor led groups - Mrs. Scheier's group topics include: Changing Families, Grief/Loss, Organizational Skills, Sticking Up for Yourself, Stress Management, Surviving Middle School
- 7th Heaven - 8 students were chosen to represent HMS and Haverford School District with the District 12 Middle School Choral Fest at Unionville High School on March 17th.
- GIRLS R.U.L.E (Girls Responding with Understanding, Leadership and Empathy) - club for 6th Grade girls. Started on Feb. 24th. It will run for 8 weeks on Wednesday from 2:45 - 4:15.
- No Place for Hate - A pledge has been painted on a wall in the cafeteria for students to sign.
- Science Olympiad - HMS placed 12th out of the 25 teams that competed in the Science Olympiad Regional Tournament at Neumann University. HMS was awarded three third place finishes (Green Generation, Simple Machines and Wheeled Vehicle), and finished 5th place for RoboCross and Write It/Do It.

Principal's Report

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

- No Place for Hate initiative - Pledge Wall being signed
 - Parent-Teacher Conferences - March 18th, 19th, and 20th, 10:50 Dismissal, exploring new format for next year
 - Save-A-Heart - Annual school-wide fundraiser, scheduled for March 25th, 26th and 27th
 - Spring Break - March 30th - April 6th. School reopens April 7th
 - End of the 3rd marking quarter - March 27th - Grades available on PowerSchool on May 10th
 - Seventh Grade Trip - June 10th - Sandy Hill Camp in Northeast Maryland
 - Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) - New format, parent letters going home on March 20th
- English Language Arts - April 14th - 17th
Math - April 21st - 23rd
Science (8th grade only) - April 28th - 29th

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 14th at 7:00 in the HMS Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Zukowski-Dougherty
Secretary