

HMS PTO September Minutes

A meeting of the Haverford Middle School (HMS) PTO was held in the HMS Library on September 9th, 2014.

In attendance: Dan Horan (Principal), Katie Hoge (Teacher Representative), Jen Hufnal (President), Merri Lee Newby (Vice-President), Maria Purdy (Treasurer), Kelly J. Kane, Jennifer Dixon, Sue Mann, Zsolt Olah, Nancy Lewandowski, Peter Monteleone, Teresa Yacono, Jen Orazi, Nichole Bethel, Dawn Gray, Kelley Spitz, Lisa Mansell, Jen Reimer, Gail Crossan, Marian Miller, Catherine Frank, Sandy Carazos, Bridget Wiedeman, Mary Shannon, Kelly Ryan, Lisa Kozlowski, Lisa D'Achille, Kristin Elliott, Kathy Kerns, Linda Shurt, Kathy Nestor, Yoon Hong Lint, Sherri Leak, Dawn Roth, Ray Betz, Jennifer Lin

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

Opening of Meeting:

President Hufnal introduced herself and the new Board.

- Maria Purdy went over budget from last year. Questions were welcomed. Peter Monteleone made a motion to approve this. A second motion was made by Nancy Lewandowski. A vote was taken to approve the budget. Show of hands made the vote unanimous.
- Membership Drive and Directory - reminder that dues are due and PTO tables will be opened at all Back to School Nights.

Upcoming Events:

- **Back to School Nights** chaired by Peter Monteleone. 6th Grade is Sept. 18th, from 6:00 to 8:00, 7th Grade is Sept. 22nd, from 6:30 to 8:00, and 8th Grade is Sept. 23, from 6:30 to 8:00. Looking for volunteers to collect dues and set families up on PTO Manager. Spirit Wear will be available for pickup on all nights.
- **6th Grade Dance** chaired by Yoon Hong Lint. Email for volunteers will be generated. Set for Oct. 24th from 7:00 to 9:00.
- **Box Tops** chaired by Amy Gattone and Kathy Kerns-Phillips. There will be 9 teams with 2 team leaders. Collections will be taken in the Fall and Spring. Team winner will get a prize. A little over \$600.00 was collected in the Spring.
- **Harlem Wizards** chaired by Lisa Garcia. Will be held on November 8th at 7:00. Tickets will be \$10.00 per person if bought in advance. Volunteers are needed.
- **No Place for Hate** chaired by Beth Zukowski-Dougherty. This is a school-wide culture initiated by the Anti-Defamation League. Looking for monthly service ideas for the students. Committee has been organized. The next formal get together will be on Dec. 11th at 3:00.
- **Impact Testing** - Looking into offering the testing at no charge to all students.

President's Report

- Spirit Wear Sales - Amanda Ciarlante was not present. She sent a report that Merri Lee presented on her behalf. The sale went well. 181 items were sold. \$184.00 went to the PTO. Suggestions are welcome on new items to be offered.

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.

New Business

- **Activity Nights** chaired by Catherine Frank. 15 to 20 volunteers needed for each night. Trish Young is faculty advisor. Events are on the following dates: 10/17, 11/14, 12/12, 2/27 (8th Grade Only), and 4/10. They are held from 7:00 to 9:00. Tickets will be sold at lunch and door for \$5 or \$6.
- **Market Day** chaired by Jennifer Dixon. Money earned will go directly to after school clubs. Deliveries will be on the following dates: 11/19, 12/17, 1/28, 2/25, 3/25, 4/29, and 5/27. At least 5% of proceeds goes to the school. Still working out details on delivery time at school.
- **Haverford Township Library Program** - report given by Mary Bear Shannon. She discussed how the Haverford Township Adult School has been in operation since 1959. It is funded through tuition. Over 100 classes are offered per term. Mrs. Shannon talked about the Parenting Program which sponsored by the Library, School District, YMCA and Adult School. What About the Boys?: Raising Happy, Healthy & Independent Sons in 2014 will be held on Wed., 10/8 at HMS at 7:00. Dr. Robert Zeitlin will be the facilitator. \$10.00 charge

Principal's Report

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

- **Opening Day** went smoothly, with 1345 students this year
- **PSSA and Keystone** - Improved in all areas according to cohorts, school performance profiles based on attendance, discipline, participation and scores performance
- **Market Day** - Looking to add more after school clubs with funds raised
- **Back to School Nights** dates and location.
- **Advisory** - changed to 1x per week for 30 minutes. It will involve Wonder, Team Building, School News and School wide events. 3 Lock Down Drills are scheduled.
- **No Place for Hate** - Pathways to Housing
- **Community Service Club** - Martin Luther King - opportunities for students and families to get involved. Working on improving social curriculum

Questions/Comments

- Zsolt Olah was introduced as the HMS Webmaster. He is doing a great job with the website. He has created a 6th Grade Homework Help Infograph. Copies were handed out at the meeting and it is also available on the PTO website.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Zukowski-Dougherty
Secretary