

HMS PTO October Minutes

A meeting of the Haverford Middle School (HMS) PTO was held in the HMS Library on October 14th, 2014.

In attendance: Dan Horan (Principal), Katie Hoge (Teacher Representative), Jen Hufnal (President), Merri Lee Newby (Vice-President), Maria Purdy (Treasurer), Lisa D'Achille, Cara Runk, Sandy Cavazas, Nichole Bethel, Jenn Dixon, Peter Monteleone, Angela Helfer, Yoonie Hong Lint, Lisa Kozlowski, Kelly J. Kane, Maurisha Tighe, Nan Hetznecker, Ann Phillips, Kristin Elliott, Meg Michaelis, Kathy Kerns-Phillips, Linda Short, Maureen Ayes, Pam Stiznart, Sophia Ranalli.

President Hufnal called the meeting to order at 7:03.

Opening of Meeting:

- President Hufnal introduced herself.
- Yoonie Hong Lint made a motion to approve the minutes. Peter Monteleone made a second motion. Approved by show of hands.
- Membership Drive and Directory – 500 Directories hopefully printed by Friday, October 17th. 480 Families paid PTO dues.

Upcoming Events:

- **6th Grade Dance** chaired by Yoon Hong Lint. Email for volunteers has been generated. Set for Oct. 24th from 7:00 to 8:30. Tickets are \$5.00
- **Box Tops** chaired by Kathy Kerns-Phillips. Last day to submit Box Tops is Oct. 15th. They will be submitted by the end of October.
- **Harlem Wizard** chaired by Lisa Garcia, reported by Jen Hufnal. Date was changed to November 1st at 7:00. Tickets will be \$10.00 per person if bought in advance and \$15.00 at the door. Wizards will be walking around at lunch on Oct. 20th. Volunteers are needed.
- **Activity Nights** chaired by Catherine Frank, reported by Merrilee Newby. 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. There will be DJ, food and games.
- **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. Pathways to Housing video was discussed.
- **Book Fair** chaired by Jen Kirkland and Sarah Brook. It will be take place from Nov. 17th to 21st. Online purchases can be made from Nov. 9th to 29th. There will be a Wish List for teachers.
- **Impact Testing** – Discussion regarding offering testing at no cost to all students who sign up for test dates on 10/30 and 11/6. Vote taken by hand raising to keep the testing at no charge.

President's Report

- **Back to School Nights** chaired by Peter Monteleone. A huge thank you to Peter for 3 very successful Back-to-School nights.
- **Spirit Wear Sale** chaired by Amanda Ciarlante. Jen Hufnal reported on her behalf. 220 items were sold and \$210.00 went to the PTO from the Bonus Spirit Wear Sale. Another sale will be held for the holidays. Some suggestions were lounge pants, rain jackets, hats, better quality sweatshirts.
- **IDC Report** – Ann Phillips reported on the September meeting. Talked about trying to organize better communication between the schools. Starting in December, online registration will be available for new students and kindergarten.

Teacher's Report

- **Upcoming Events:**
 - Friday, 10/17 Picture Re-Take Day

- Friday, 10/17 Activities Night (7-9)
- Friday, 10/31 End of Quarter 1
- Friday, 10/31 Act 80 Day
- Monday, 11/3 Start of Quarter 2
- Tuesday, 11/4 In-Service Day
- Spirit Days are every Friday
- Community Service Club – activities will range from organizing fundraising activities and taking monthly trips to service locations.
- Cooking Club – run by Mrs. Barber and starting in October.
- Math Club – run by Mrs. Riley and accepting new members.
- Reading Olympics – kicked off on October 8th.
- SJU Women's Basketball 7th Heaven event – Saturday, January 10th at Hagan Arena at St. Joseph's University. HMS community members will receive \$1 tickets if they bring the flyer to the ticket window.
- 7th Grade Exploratory Latin – students have been completing a variety of projects.

New Business

- **Talent Show** chaired by Kathy Kerns-Phillips. Michael Comstock has agreed to help with the technical duties. Need to pick a date and decide if it will be an all-grade show.
- **Market Day** chaired by Jennifer Dixon. Pickup will be Nov. 19th. Orders need to be in by Nov. 13th. Earnings will go towards afterschool activities and clubs.
- **Hav-GLEN** reported by Angela Helfer. An organization seeking to provide a place to collaborate for gifted students and families. Membership can be obtained online at Hav-GLEN.org.
- **Blast reports** made by Meg Michaelis and Sophia Ranalli. The Blast is the gathering at the HHS after the Senior Prom on May 1st. There were 500 kids at the Blast last year. It is free to all students. Looking for donations and volunteers. \$18,000 was spent on the Blast last year. Peter Monteleon motioned for the HMS PTO to donate \$1500.00 to the Blast. Kathy Kerns seconded the motion. All agreed by saying aye.

Principal's Report

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

- Advisory – will be on Wednesdays for 30 minutes.
- Fridays are Spirit Days.
- Lockdown Drills on Oct. 22nd & 29th.
- 10/31 – Act 80 Day
- Fall Conferences will be held on 11/24, 11/25, and 11/26. PTC Wizard will be available for online scheduling.

No questions or concerns at this time.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 11th at 7:00 in the HMS Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Zukowski-Dougherty
Secretary