

HMS PTO November Minutes

A meeting of the Haverford Middle School (HMS) PTO was held in the HMS Library on November 11th, 2014.

In attendance: Dan Horan (Principal), Katie Hoge (Teacher Representative), Jen Hufnal (President), Merri Lee Newby (Vice-President), Maria Purdy (Treasurer), Nichole Bethel, Bernadette Lawson, Yoonie Hong Lint, Ann Phillips, Helene Conroy-Smith, Beth Zukowski-Dougherty, Amy Kraiza, Sandy Cavazos, Lisa Koslowski and Kathy Kerns-Phillips.

President Hufnal called the meeting to order at 7:06.

Opening of Meeting:

- President Hufnal introduced herself.
- Yoonie Hong Lint made a motion to approve the October minutes. Lisa Koslowski made a second motion. Approved by show of hands.

Old Business:

- **6th Grade Dance** chaired by Yoon Hong Lint. 1 ½ hours was a good time for the dance. Glow sticks were a big hit.
- **Harlem Wizard** chaired by Lisa Garcia, reported by Jen Hufnal. HMS made \$1,619.47. 503 in attendance, down from 802 last year and 682 from 2012. Wizards sold \$2,266.00 in merchandise. HMS made \$450.00 from the merchandise sales. Discussed if HMS should hold the event in 2015. Price will go up from \$1,450.00 to \$4,950.00. Merri Lee Newby made a motion to skip 1 year, and revisit it next year. Kathy Kerns-Phillips seconded the motion. Accepted by a show of hands.
- **Box Tops** chaired by Kathy Kerns-Phillips. 12,269 Box Tops were collected. \$1,226.00 will be put into the PTO General Fund. The winners were as follows: 6th Grade - Sea Lions, 7th Grade - Giant Pandas and 8th Grade - Bengal Tigers. The funds will help to fund new library furniture. Canisters are back in the classrooms and offices.
- **Directory** chaired by Nichole Bethel and Julie Millay. The directory addendum came out on 11/11. Will do another addendum around 11/14.

Upcoming Events

- **Activity Nights** chaired by Catherine Frank. Next Activity Night is Friday, 11/14 from 7 to 9. Tickets are \$5.00. They are sold at lunch or at the door. Looking for new volunteers.
- **Market Day** chaired by Jenn Dixon, reported by Jen Hufnal. This order period will close on Wednesday, 11/12 at 11:00 PM. \$600.00 in orders are reported so far.
- **Spirit Wear Sale** chaired by Amanda Ciarlante. Jen Hufnal reported on her behalf. Sale ends 11/17. There has been some mixed emotions over the new logo. \$200.00 was given to Katie Hoge to place orders for the school story.

- **Book Fair** chaired by Jen Kirkland and Sarah Brook. Set up and teacher preview will take place on 11/14. From 11/17 to 11/21, the fair will be opened from 7:30 AM til 3:00 PM. On 11/19, the fair will be opened from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. Volunteers are needed. Ms. Hay, the Librarian, is the lead person for the fair, and Scholastic paperwork will be sent home in backpacks.
- **Impact Testing** – Reported by Merri Lee Newby. On October 30th, 20 children were signed up. 15 students were tested. Test is administered by Bill Booth. He talks for 20 minutes, and test lasts approximately 30 to 40 minutes. 13 children are signed up for Thursday, 11/13.
- **December PTO Meeting** - Maria Purdy made a motion to not have a PTO meeting in December, Yoonie Hong Lint seconded the motion. Approved by a show of hands.

Teacher's Report - reported by Katie Hoge

- **Upcoming Events:**
 - Friday, 11/14 Activity Night
 - Week of November 17-21 - HMS Book Fair
 - Friday, 11/21 Parent Visitation Day
 - Week of November 24-26 - 10:50 Dismissal / Parent Conferences
 - Spirit Days are every Friday
- Activity Night – Volunteers still needed for this Friday, 11/14.
- Bowling Club - Starts on Wednesday, 11/12. Cost is \$6.00, which pays for shoe rental and two games. Transportation is provided at no extra cost.
- Community Service Club - In October, 106 letters were mailed to “Girls Love Mail”, an organization which sends letters of encouragement to women who were recently diagnosed with breast cancer. The club also raised \$208.44 during lunches on “Pink Out” day. Money was donated to the PA Breast Cancer Coalition.
- Gaming Club - started today 11/11. Open to all grades, boys and girls.
- Geography Bee - will be starting soon. All students will participate in a round of questions in their Social Studies class. Final competition will be in January, 2015.

New Business

- Discussion regarding All School Dance at Marple Sports Arena. HMS PTO has decided not to move forward with this dance.

Principal's Report

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

- School Performance Profile for the PSSA Tests.
- Book Fair - Week of November 17 - 21
- American Education Week - Parents Visits on Friday, 11/21
- 7th Heaven - B101 Contest recording - *Believe*. They will be singing at the December School Board meeting on 12/4.
- Advisory - Social Awareness Curriculum

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Blast - Sophia Ranalli expressed her thankfulness for the \$1,500 donation. A full page ad recognition will be put into the Blast booklet.

No questions or concerns at this time.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 13th at 7:00 in the HMS Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Zukowski-Dougherty

Secretary

- Yoonie Hong Lint made a motion to approve the October minutes. Lisa Kosiowski made a second motion. Approved by show of hands.

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