

HMS PTO May 2016 Minutes

A meeting of the Haverford Middle School (HMS) PTO was held in the HMS Library on May 10th, 2016.

In attendance: Katie Hoge (Teacher Representative), Merri Lee Newby (President), Maria Purdy (Vice President), Carol Buehler (Treasurer), Beth Zukowski-Dougherty (Secretary), Susan Pollock, Amy Gillard, Kelly Kane, Bernadette Lawson, Helene Conroy-Smith, Renee Lawler, Sarah Maxwell, Betsy McElreavey, Angela Helfer, Brie Irwin

President Newby called the meeting to order at 7:01.

Opening of Meeting:

President Newby introduced herself and the Board.

- Helene Conroy-Smith made a motion to approve minutes for April meeting. Sarah Maxwell seconded the motion. Voted with a show of hands.

Upcoming Events:

- **Phone Recycling Event** - Brie Irwin, 5/9 to 5/13 - in the library, toner can not be bigger than hand, digital cameras are being taken as well
- **7th Grade Dance** - Chaired by Helene Conroy-Smith - 6/3/16 from 7 PM to 9 PM - Volunteers needed
- **Rising 6th Grade Parent Orientation** - June 7th at 7 PM and June 8th at 6 PM (for parents whose students are in the gifted program)
- **8th Grade Dance** - co-chaired by Trish Mazzella and Beth Zukowski-Dougherty - 6/10/16 from 7 PM to 9PM - Volunteers needed.

Old Business

- **Box Tops** - chaired by Angela Helfer - Final Collection will be 5/27. Looking for a chair for Box Tops for next year.
- **Administrative Professionals Day** - reported by Merri Lee Newby. On 4/27, PTO presented administrative assistants with Thank you card, \$50.00 Visa Gift Card, and pots.
- **8th Grade Career Awareness Day** - chaired by Monica Burns. Took place on 5/6/16. Ran very smoothly, looking for more diversity next year.
- **Staff Appreciation Luncheon** - chaired by Yoonie Hong. Took place on 5/6/16. Went really well and teachers seemed to have fun.
- **Garden Club Spring Planting** - chaired by Gina Ranieri. Susan Pollack and Betsy McElreavey made motion and seconded the overage of money spent on Garden Club this year.

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.

Haverford Kids' Comic Fest - Visit hkcfest.org to learn about Haverford's 3rd annual HKCF, which will be held on May 21, 2016 at HMS. Open to all ages.

HMS One Book, One School 2016 - Kid President's Guide to Being Awesome. The books will be on sale in the library for \$12.

Jazz Fest - Beverly Hills MS Jazz Festival - Friday, April 15th
Springton Lake MS Jazz Festival - Friday, April 29th
Welsh Valley MS Jazz Festival - Friday, May 6th
Final two performances - Tuesday, June 14th and Wednesday, June 15th

Reading Olympics - Teams "Crushing It" and "Step Off" earned the highest recognition.

Yearbook - Yearbook sales end this Friday.

New Business

- **June PTO Meeting** - Merri Lee Newby made a motion to not have a June PTO meeting. Maria Purdy seconded the motion. Approved by show of hands.
- **IDC Report** - chaired by Betsy McElreavey, Ann Phillips, Catherine Frank - report by Betsy McElreavey. Discussed school lunch program survey and requirements from the state.
- **School Board Meeting** - reported by Brie Irwin. Discussed the change in next school year's school calendar. Easter Monday will now be a school day.
- **2016-2017 Officers and Chairs** - reported by Merri Lee Newby.
 - Maria Purdy - President
 - Brie Irwin - Vice President
 - Carol Buehler - Treasurer
 - Amy Gillard - Secretary
 - Michele Moresca - Recording Secretary
 - Betsy McElreavey - IDC Rep
 - Megan Salveson - Spirit Wear
 - Helene Conroy-Smith - 8th Grade Dance
 - Renee Lawler & Therese Mennear - 7th Grade Dance
- **Outreach to 5th Grade Parents** - reported by Merri Lee Newby - Reps attended the Elementary Schools' PTO mtgs. To explain our dues and registration.
- **Yearbook Ordering Deadline** - May 13th
- **Website Update** - Merri Lee Newby will be new Web Master

Principal's Report

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

- Thank you for Staff Luncheon, Staff gifts and Beautification efforts
- Cell Phone recycling program - Week of May 9th
- Algebra Keystone (only 8th grade 1A math students) May 18th - 19th
- Comic Fest - May 21st, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
- Spring Awards Night - June 15th
 - All Grades
 - Art, PMEA, Math Club, Poetry, Athletic, Latin Science Olympiad, Geography Bee
 - Recipients for all awards will receive an invitation letter on June 6th
- 8th Grade Honors Night - June 16th
 - Email sent to all 8th grade parents about nominations for Michael Bianco School Spirit Award, Carol Restifo Humanitarian Award, and Team Leader Challenge Award
 - Nominations due May 20th
 - All awards listed on web pages>Academics>8th grade>8th grade awards
 - Recipients for all awards will receive an invitation letter on June 6th

- **Calendar** -

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| May 12th | 7th & 8th Grade Orchestra Spring Concert |
| May 18th & 19th | Algebra Keystone |
| May 20th | Mid-point of the 4th quarter |
| May 24th - 26th | District Art Show |
| May 25th | 7th & 8th Grade Spring Concert |
| May 30th | Memorial Day - No school |
| June 1st-3rd | Camp Canadensis |
| June 3rd | 7th Grade Dance |
| June 7th | Rising 6th grade parent orientation |
| June 8th | 7th Grade Trip to Sandy Hill |
| | Rising 6th grade seminar parent orientation |
| June 10th | 8th Grade Dance |
| June 17th | Last day of school for students |
| | 8th grade trip to Hersheypark |

Questions/Comments

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Zukowski-Dougherty

Secretary