

PTA Meeting Minutes

January 4, 2017

Members Present: Dawn Resch, Catherine Ziets, Jennifer Hedden, Melissa Moffatt, Shauna Werling, Elaine Thode, Tara Moyer, Renee Damico, Thinzar Aung, Lori Limpar (Principal), Christina Wasem, Kathy Schiffer, Jill Hedges, Sue Arthur, April Hausman, Susannah D.

I. Call to Order: Dawn called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

II. Approval of November 2016 Meeting Minutes: Dawn asked for a motion to approve. Melissa Moffatt approved, Elaine Thode seconded, and all were in favor.

III. Report of Officers:

A. Treasurer's Report (Jennifer Hedden)

1. Account Balances:
Balance in our checking as of 12/31/16: \$24,684.24
Balance in our savings as of 12/31/16: \$7,785.63
Total balance cash on hand as of 12/31/16: \$32,469.87
2. We were over budget \$552.00 for the Open House
3. Our Yankee Candle Fundraiser raised \$1,906.40.
4. Hopewell Apparel sale made a profit of \$288.00
5. Scholastic Book Fair brought in \$1,040.28

B. President's Report (Carla Stock: read by Dawn Resch)

1. We had a very successful Holiday Open House. We received many rave reviews by many families that attended the event. Thanks for the great support from the H.S. Key Club, Hopewell Staff, and parents.
2. We have many events coming up from now through the end of the year so we will be looking for volunteers to help with these events.
3. We are looking for a treasurer for next year. If anyone is interested, please reach out to either Carla or Jennifer Hedden.
4. Please feel free to reach out with any ideas or concerns.

C. Vice President's Report (Dawn Resch)

1. Yankee Candle Fundraiser is over. We reached our goal, making a \$1900 profit.
2. The Giant A+ Rewards: Membership is down. There are currently only 114 people enrolled. We have only made \$562.00 so far. Dawn compared this with the Middle School. They have made double this and have double enrollment, with fewer students. Ms. Limpar mentioned you need to re-register your card every year. This may explain why the enrollment is down. Please check to see that your card is registered. In the past, we received \$1,000-\$1,200 a year which would go towards paying for assemblies.
3. Iron Pigs Family Fun Night is scheduled for June 10th. There will be fireworks after the game. This is a nice way to celebrate the end of the school year.
4. Other ideas for family fun events include: bowling, Inside Scoop and Chick-Filet. Someone suggested looking into Sky Zone and FreeFall.

5. We will be doing the Dance for Education again, but this will not be a fundraiser, it will be just for fun. It is scheduled for March 31st.
6. We are looking for someone to organize the Flower-Gram for Valentine's Day. Kids send their teachers flowers with a note. If interested, please see Dawn.

D. Principal's Report (Ms. Limpar)

1. Hopewell students made holiday cards for local police and fire departments, as well as the canine units in Allentown, thanking them for their service to the community. The cards were delivered by Hopewell staff, along with snacks and drinks. Ms. Limpar will post some pictures of this on the Facebook page.
2. PJ Stuffy day was a fun day for the students.
3. The Meister Singers from the Southern Lehigh High School did a fantastic job singing. The kids really enjoyed it.
4. No school on Monday, January 16th for Martin Luther King Day.
5. School Wide BINGO will be held on Friday, January 27th. We are looking for someone to run this event. Jill Hedges expressed interest. She will contact Melissa Vedder who ran it in the past for more information. Students are encouraged to wear their favorite sports team jersey/apparel.

IV. Report of Committees

A. Playground Committee (Melissa Moffatt) We raised enough money from the Dance for Education last year to add on to the existing playground. Two additional pieces, including a pirate ship and a spinning piece, have been ordered and hopefully will put up in early spring, as soon as the ground thaws. The pirate ship costs \$14,500 and the smaller piece costs \$3,500. These items were purchased at a 40% discount. The new pieces can accommodate children with physical limitations, and is great for "imaginary play." The board is contributing to help pay the costs for the installation of the playground.

B. "Me and My Hero Dance" (Jennifer Hedden) Semi-formal dance, scheduled for Friday, February 24th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This year, the dance will be open to all students, boys and girls, and their heroes. Anyone interested in helping with this event, please see Jennifer Hedden or Melissa Moffatt.

C. School Board Notes (Renee Damico)

1. Renee attended the November 14th board meeting. Mrs. Evison talked about the incidences that have occurred in the high school recently with racial profiling and bullying. An advisory panel is being put together which will include members of the community, to discuss issues like this, and how we can work together as a community. More information will be on the website which will include expectations of all students.
2. Renee shared information from the November 29th meeting attended by Deborah. People from the CARTER group were there to discuss the results of the Capital Campaign Feasibility Study. It is introducing private fundraising to Public K-12 Education. The CARTER group interviewed 21 individuals in the district about donating funds. The study showed a goal of raising 2 million dollars from the community. No final decisions were made at the board meeting from board members. Some board members expressed concern about asking to personally donate money. The board was expected to vote on this at the December 5th meeting.
3. Also, Mrs. Evison is working on a communication survey to better communicate with parents.
4. Ms. Limpar noted the school board agendas and the meeting minutes are also on the website.

D. Spring Festival (Tara Moyer) Scheduled for Friday, May 19th from 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Tara is looking for volunteers to help with this event.

V. New Business:

- A. A vote was taken to increase the school assembly budget to \$2,500. All were in favor.
- B. A vote was taken to purchase an additional photo printer for \$150. All were in favor.

VI. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Catherine Ziets
Recording Secretary