

Hopewell PTA Meeting

June 3, 2015

Members Present: Jennifer Philipp, Tiffany Gyuricsko, Allison Cawley, Stefanie Cecconi, Jennifer Hedden, Lori Limpar, Monica Scheinler, Dawn Resch, Catherine Ziets

I. Call to Order: Jennifer called the meeting to order at 9:43 a.m.

II. Approval of May 2015 Minutes: Jennifer asked for a motion to approve. Jennifer Hedden approved, Dawn Resch seconded, and all were in favor.

III. Report of Officers:

A. Treasurer's Report (Allison Cawley):

1. Allison began by reviewing the activity for May and noted that the actual money for the Festival has not been posted yet. Only deposits for wristbands and tickets purchased in advance. The total to date is \$1680.00 in expenses. We received \$50.00 in PTA donations.
2. The check went out to the author.
3. Field trip checks were written for \$1085.00
4. A check went out for RIF, a stipend went out and yearbook money.
5. The revenue came in under budget but we expected this. The Kidstuff books were under budget.
6. We were over in PTA memberships because we added the donations in.
7. The pizza coupons were under budget, but we have enough money in our account and we will end the year with more than expected because we didn't have as many expenses as we projected.
8. Allison is receiving a lot of stipends now. She asked any festival expenses be submitted as soon as possible so she can close out the year.
9. Allison reviewed the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2015-2016:
 - a) We reduced the Kidstuff books down to \$2500.
 - b) \$500 has been budgeted for the Fall Fundraiser.
 - c) Dawn and Allison will discuss ideas for fundraisers for next year.
 - d) Hardship fund was increased by \$50.00.
 - e) Kindergarten graduation fund was eliminated (and added to hardship fund)
 - f) Planners were increased a little
 - g) We have a balanced budget of \$16,565.00 and we need to vote to approve this budget. A vote was taken and all were in favor of the new budget.

B. President's Report (Jennifer Philipp):

1. Thanks to Stefanie Cecconi and all of the committee chairs for working on the festival to make it such a success this year.
2. It was really a good year for what we accomplished. The Iron Pigs Night was a huge success with over 700+ tickets sold.
3. Next year, Jennifer will be staying on as president until we get someone to elect. (She has not been elected in).

Vice President: (Fundraising) Allison Cawley

Treasurer: Jennifer Hedden

Recording Secretary: Catherine Ziets

Corresponding Secretary: Dawn Resch

C. Principal's Report (Lori Limpar):

1. Ms. Limpar began by thanking the festival committee for a wonderful job. She received many compliments from parents about an amazing festival.
2. This Friday, June 5th is our CARES Beach Read. Children are encouraged to wear their beach attire. They may bring towels and will go outside to read a book.
3. Next Monday and Tuesday, June 8th and 9th, yearbooks will be distributed and yearbook signing will take place.
4. Tuesday, June 9th is the last day for PM Kindergarten (also Crazy Hair Day)
5. Wednesday, June 10th is the last day of school (no lunch served) AM Kindergarten attends.
6. June 10th: Assembly with Sensei Rob Wetmore from Leading Edge Martial Arts (and students are asked to wear Hopewell Blue/Hopewell T-shirts)
7. Ms. Limpar talked about fundraising and getting involved in the Giant Rewards Program again as we had in the past. It is an easy way to make money for the school. Melissa Woodring ran this program in the past. All one has to do is register his/her Giant Bonus Card with the school and then Hopewell earns points for purchases made.
8. Ms. Limpar addressed the building of the new school. They will begin breaking ground in June. We have entered into a land swap with Upper Saucon Township. The new school will be located behind Hopewell, more out of our second grade pod area. Our land now goes almost over to the fire company. The boundaries were realigned with the farmer, Upper Saucon Township and Wedgewood Golf course, redoing the boundary lines so we will have a more square property line. However, what that means is the property on the other side we gave up in the land swap (the area of Hopewell Habitat now belongs to Upper Saucon Township). We are allowed to use this area until we work out legal liability with our insurance company. We will use this area next year as our play yard so we will need to purchase more outdoor games.

IV. Report of Committees:

- A. Festival Update (Stefanie Cecconi): We made about \$4,800 which is slightly below last year's festival. However, our expenses were up this year. The only issue was with the tickets. We needed to purchase new tickets this year and we purchased the two part tickets and some people looked at the two part ticket as two tickets rather than one ticket so there was a little confusion. There was discussion about purchasing a commercial size hot dog maker with money from the festival donations to be used for future school events. Catherine Ziets agreed to look into it.
- B. Yearbook: There was an email from Tricia Kutt. She is looking for someone to recruit for next year's yearbook committee. She will be sending home a flyer with further information regarding the yearbook committee.

V. Old Business: None

VI. New Business: None

VII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Catherine Ziets