

Hopewell PTA Meeting Minutes

February 3, 2016

Members Present: Jennifer Clemente, Catherine Ziets, Dawn Resch, Jennifer Hedden, Lori Limpar, Carla Stock, Melissa Moffatt, Tiffany Gyuricsko, Maria Ault, Renee Damico, Stacey Hostetter, Shauna Werling

I. Call to Order: Jennifer called the meeting to order at 2:32 p.m.

II. Approval of January 2016 Meeting Minutes: Jennifer asked for a motion to approve. Melissa Moffatt approved, Shauna Werling seconded, and all were in favor.

III. Report of Officers:

A. President's Report (Jennifer Clemente)

1. A very big thank you to Kerry Ross for putting together the Hopewell Directory. It is up and running and can be accessed from the school website. The code is 0200 which is the last 4 digits of Hopewell's phone number.
2. A big thank you to Sonny Lemmons for organizing the Phantoms Night on January 8th. It was a great turn out.
3. A big thank you to Melissa Vedder for organizing the school wide BINGO this past Friday, January 29th. The children had lots of fun and prizes were awarded.
4. Jennifer spoke about the executive board for next year. Jennifer will be moving out of the president position and Carla Stock will be the new president for next year. Dawn Resch will be moving on to Vice President and Catherine Ziets will stay on as recording secretary and Jennifer Hedden will remain as treasurer for next year. We are in need of a corresponding secretary for next year. Dawn described the role of corresponding secretary. As corresponding secretary, you are responsible for sending birthday cards, thank you cards and get well cards to teachers, faculty and parents. If anyone is interested in the position, please let Jennifer know.
5. Jennifer Hedden is chairing the Daddy/Daughter dance and we are looking for someone to chair a mother/son event. If you are interesting in chairing this event, please let Jennifer know.

B. Treasurer's Report (Jennifer Hedden)

1. Our current checking balance as of the end of January is \$22,078.81. Our current savings account balance is \$7,778.49, giving us a total cash balance of \$29,857.30
2. Ms. Limpar suggested contacted Lower Milford treasurer and ask to look over their budget. Ms. Limpar said we want to be careful when blended the schools together that we don't just stop things that Lower Milford did and just continue everything that Hopewell did. We also might want to invite Lower Milford to our PTA meeting in May as we present our budget for the next school year.

C. Principal's Report (Lori Limpar)

1. Kindergarten registration will be held April 4, 5, 6 at Liberty Bell Elementary School by appointment. Children must accompany parents to registration. Children must be 5 years old before September 1, 2016 in order to register for kindergarten.
2. Ms. Limpar reviewed early dismissal practices for kindergarten parents. When we have an early dismissal, AM kindergarteners will most likely remain at school and be dismissed with the rest of the students (this is due to the bus company we use that also provides transportation to LCTI).
3. Ms. Limpar reviewed important dates in February
 - a) 2/5 School Spirit Day: Students are encouraged to wear red for Women's Heart Health
 - b) 2/11 is now a full day of school. Kindergarten students will celebrate Valentine's Day

- c) 2/12 is a 12:50 Dismissal. This is make-up day #1 (make-up day #2 will be on March 11th). Grades 1-3 will celebrate Valentine's day (no edible treats). This is also a spirit day (students are encouraged to wear red, white, or pink)
 - d) 2/15 No school
4. Building Update: still on schedule (despite the snow)
 5. There was a question raised about what area can be utilized for the Hopewell festival due to the current construction of the new school. Ms. Limpar said we will have access to the blacktop. We have to make sure we leave enough space for parking. The activities in question are the bounce house and the relay games.

IV. Report of Committees

A. Hopewell Festival: (Tiffany and Melissa)

- Concessions: (Catherine Ziets and Melissa Lenihan): Thanks for securing The Fresh Market and Menchies
 - Indoor/Outdoor Activities (Stacey Hostetter): Jennifer Hedden said she will help out where needed
 - Raffles: (Monica Scheinler and Shauna Werling)
 - Decorations: (Dawn Resch)
 - Bake Sale: (Carla Stock)
1. We will be doing a 50/50 Raffle at the festival. Tiffany is filling out the necessary paperwork for that. Melissa said they would like to have a meeting in the next few weeks with the festival committee.
 2. Melissa said they are looking for someone to chair volunteers. If anyone is interested please let Melissa know. It was suggested we reach out to the Key Club for additional volunteers. Jennifer Hedden said she will reach out to Mr. Fischer about booking the High School Jazz Band.

B. Fundraising: (Dawn Resch)

1. The flower fundraiser was a big success. Thanks to Melissa Moffat for the great idea. 800 flowers were ordered and we will receive a 50%profit. Flowers will be picked up next Wednesday (2/10) and be given out next Thursday (2/11).
2. In place of the Race for Education we will be holding a Dance-a-thon on Friday, April 8th in the gym (same format as the race) Papers will be sent home where you will need to fill out labels of friends and family. There will be three 40 minute sessions of continuous dancing. We will be looking for a few volunteers to help but we can't invite everyone to come due to the lack of space.
3. The apparel fundraising sale will be put off until the beginning of next school year. Forms will go home the first week of school. Items for sale will include t-shirts, sweatshirts, hats and headbands. This will allow students from Lower Milford to be a part of this.
4. Iron Pigs Night out is scheduled for Tuesday, June 14 (after school lets out). This will include all three elementary schools and tickets will be \$10.

C. Yearbook:

1. Tricia Kutt said there have been 172 yearbooks sold to date.
2. The dedications and third grade baby pictures are coming in.
3. The initial payment was sent to Christmas City Studios.
4. The deadline to purchase a yearbook is February 12th.

V. Old Business: None

VI. New Business: Jennifer Hedden discussed the daddy/daughter dance. There has been a great response. We are looking for a few volunteers, about 2 (someone to help with pictures and someone to greet people as they walk in).

VII. Next PTA Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 2 at 9:30 a.m.

VIII. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 3:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Catherine Ziets