

PTA Meeting Minutes

November 4, 2015

Members Present: Jennifer Hedden, Melissa Moffatt, Tiffany Gyuricsko, Dawn Resch, Stephanie Jeitner, Allison Cawley, Madi Capoccia, Shauna Werling, Sonny Lemmons, Lori Limpar, Stacey Hostetter, Maria Ault, Jessica Makowski, Christina Wasem, Suzanne Lang, Elaine Thode, Catherine Ziets

I. Call to Order: Allison called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

II. Approval of October 2015 Meeting Minutes: Allison asked for a motion to approve. Melissa Moffatt approved, Sonny Lemmons seconded, and all were in favor.

III. Report of Officers:

A. President's Report (Jennifer Philipp)

1. To date we have 98 members. You can join the PTA at any time.
2. Book Fair will be held during conference week. Madi Capoccia and Thinzar Aung are chairing this event.
3. There will be no PTA meeting in December.

B. Vice President's Report (Allison Cawley)

1. The T-shirt order was submitted last week. We will need some help distributing them when they come in. Some extras were ordered. The shirts ordered this year are better quality, double stitched and tagless.
2. Allison talked about many parents still not having clearances to volunteer for school events (there were many parents that wanted to volunteer for the Halloween party but they did not have the proper clearances). Ms. Limpar has sent several notices home already with regards to obtaining proper clearances. She said she could put it on Blackboard connect and post it during parent teacher conferences as well. Ms. Limpar reviewed the times clearances are needed.
3. A huge thank you to Tiffany Gyuricsko and Melissa Moffatt for running the fall social. It was fantastic. Compliments to DJ Drake. Suggestions for next year: maybe a coffee bar for the parents.
4. December 5th is the breakfast with Santa and the Holiday shop. Carla Stock is chairing this event. Diana's Cafe will be catering the breakfast. Hopewell does not make any money from the breakfast. Complimentary pictures with Santa for those who purchase breakfast. All others are \$3 for a picture with Santa. Children 3 and under are free for the breakfast buffet. Children ages 3 to 5 pay \$5.00 and ages 6 and up pay \$8.00.

C. Treasurer's Report (Jennifer Hedden)

Balance in checking account as of 10/31/15	\$23, 689.12
Balance in savings account as of 10/31/15	\$7,776.53
Balance cash on Hand	\$31, 465.65

The Fall Social pulled in an extra \$440 for the school.

The Kidstuff books yielded a profit of \$2,537.50

D. Dawn Resch: Report on Meeting with the Superintendent.

There were a couple of representatives from each school and Dr. Christman addressed the following:

1. New Building: The name will not change. The new building will be called Hopewell. Everything is right on schedule. They hope to be under roof by December 15th so they can begin work inside.
 2. Road construction on Preston Lane: The Township's plan is to widen the road in the summer of 2017 to eliminate some of the congestion. The plan involves putting a circle in between the middle school and the high school to keep the traffic flowing.
 3. Raffles are not allowed (also called Games of Chance). You can have a raffle if you apply online. It costs \$25 for a permit. Allow five weeks for processing.
 4. Keystone Test: Currently, all high school students need to pass the Keystone test in order to graduate. If the students do not pass the test, they are required to complete projects for all subjects. This takes away teaching time. You may get in contact with your legislators to express concerns regarding these tests.
 5. Emergency Preparedness: Each building has audits and drills to practice. Drills include blocking exits and finding alternate routes. Ms. Limpar stated that it is required by law that 2 safety drills are done per month. One is always a fire drill, the other may be a weather related drill or intruder drill. In the event students need to leave school grounds, the social hall on Lanark road is the designated meeting place for a true evacuation. We have a whole emergency preparedness plan and are required to practice these plans.
 6. Weapons policy: Students cannot bring any weapons or look-a-like weapons on school grounds. Students can be expelled for one year. This is a state law. This needs to be communicated to parents. This law is for the safety of all students.
 7. Social Media: We have the Southern Lehigh Website. They are also on Twitter (Hashtag SLSD crowd). There is also a Facebook page for Southern Lehigh. There is also a mobile app.
 8. Hopewell PTA is allowed to have a Facebook page but we need to be strict as to what information goes on there.
- E. Phantoms Game is scheduled for Friday, January 8th. Sonny Lemmons is organizing this event. There have been 49 tickets sold to date. There are 100 tickets allotted to each of the 3 elementary schools.
- F. Principal's Report (Lori Limpar) and Announcements
- 11/5 End of the first Marking Period
 - 11/6 The Miracle Worker Preview (the story of Helen Keller performed by the High school)
 - 11/11 Veteran's Day: Students are encouraged to wear red, white, and blue or their scouting uniforms to honor our Veterans. There will be a brief flag raising ceremony to honor all our veterans (weather permitting)
 - 11/13 Report cards are distributed and field trip to Lower Milford for Lasermania reading assembly
 - 11/16-11/20 Parent Conference week. 12:50 dismissal for all students and Scholastic Book Fair
 - AM Kindergarten attends 11/16 and 11/17 and dismisses at 12:50
 - PM Kindergarten attends 11/18, 11/19, 11/20 and dismisses at 12:50
 - 11/18 Picture Retakes
 - 11/26, 11/27 and 11/30: No school for Thanksgiving Break
 - 12/1 Spirit Day: wear Red and Green. Students make ornaments for school tree.
 - 12/5 Holiday Marketplace and Breakfast with Santa 9 AM-12 PM

We will have the Giving Tree again this year coordinated by the nurse, Mrs. Castetter. It is to help families experiencing financial hardships. Children can pick a tag off the tree. We generally help between 10-15 families and we receive nice support from our community.

There is no PTA meeting in December. The next meeting is scheduled for January 6, 2016 at 2:30 p.m.

IV. Report of Committees:

Yearbook (Tricia Kutt) The price of the yearbook has gone up to \$20. The price has not been raised since 2010. If you have any pictures of school events you would like to share, please email them to Tricia Kutt.

V. Old Business: None

VI. New Business: None

VII. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Catherine Ziets

Recording secretary