

PTA Meeting Minutes

February 1, 2017

Members Present: Christina Wasem, Tara Moyer, Andrea Booth (Simone Wynter), Sue Arthur, Stacey Hostetter, Catherine Ziets, Dawn Resch, Jen Hedden, Anita Shah, Renee D'Amico, Michelle Young, Melissa Moffatt, Ms. Limpar (Principal)

I. **Call to Order:** Dawn called the meeting to order at 2:19 p.m.

II. Report of Officers:

A. Treasurer's Report (Jennifer Hedden)

1. Balance in our Checking as of 1/31/17 \$39,744.10
2. Balance in our Savings as of 1/31/17 \$7,786.29
3. Balance Cash on Hand: \$47,530.39
4. Hopewell PTA received a check for \$15,364.64 from Lower Milford PTA. Lower Milford closed out their account and divided the money between Hopewell and Liberty Bell (based on the number of students in each school)
5. A \$50 deposit was put down to reserve Bethlehem Skateaway for March 9th. The PTA will absorb the cost of the remaining \$200 to rent the rink.
6. Jen will present the proposed budget for the 2017-2018 school year at the April meeting, and then we will vote on the budget at the May meeting.

B. Principal's Report (Ms. Limpar)

1. Ms. Limpar reviewed clearances. They are not a Southern Leigh policy but a state law. Other than sitting in the auditorium to watch a show/play, clearances are required. Clearances are good for 5 years and there is a minimal charge for them. All information is kept confidential.
2. Calendar of Events for the month of February
 - 2/3 is Wear Red for Women's Heart Health Month.
 - Week of 2/6-2/10 is Jump Rope for Heart. This event is organized by Mrs. Moser. Parents need clearances in order to participate in this event. Donations are strictly optional; this is really just a fun event Mrs. Moser coordinates with the American Heart Association.
 - 2/14: Celebrate Valentine's Day: Wear red, pink and white. No edible treats are allowed to be given out with the Valentine cards. The office has extra valentine cards for anyone experiencing a financial hardship.
 - 2/16 Early dismissal: A.M. Kindergarten attends. Students eat lunch at school. Parent pick up is at 12:45 and buses dismiss at 12:50.
 - 2/17 and 2/20 School closed for President's Day holiday (2/17 is a possible make-up day).
 - 2/24 "Me and My Hero Dance" from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 P.M.
 - Our librarian has scheduled an author visit for April 26th. Lee Harper will be visiting our school. It will cost \$1000 for the visit.
 - Ms. Limpar reviewed the procedures for parent pick up. Some parents expressed some concerns about this on the PTA Facebook page. A question was asked if the parent pick up time will ever go back to 3:25. Ms. Limpar said no, if it changes it may be moved to 3:20 but right now it will remain at 3:15.

C. President's Report (Carla Stock) Thanks to Jill Hedges and Susannah Detweiler for organizing the school-wide BINGO on January 27th. It went very well and the children enjoyed it.

D. Vice President Report (Dawn Resch)

1. Giant A+ Rewards: We raised \$886.00 so far which we can use toward school assemblies.
2. Dance for Education: March 31st: This will not be a fundraiser this year, the dance will be held just for fun. D.J. Dan is coming and the kids will dance in 45 minute shifts. We don't need volunteers, but you're welcome to come in and dance. Clearances are required from all parents. Teachers and students dress up as "rock stars." A flier will come home soon, which will include a schedule of when the classes attend.
3. Flower Grams: Order forms due Friday, February 3rd. Flowers will be delivered on Valentine's Day, 2/14. Thinzar Aung and April Haussman are organizing this flower sale.

III. Report of Committees:

A. Yearbook (Dawn Resch reported for Trisha Fitzner)

1. There will be a yearbook cover contest. The students will get to design the cover for the yearbook. The theme is "What Hopewell Means to Me". The winner will receive a free yearbook and a few runners up will be featured throughout the yearbook.
2. Renee D'Amico will be working on the third grade section with the baby pictures. Something new this year, in addition to including the third grade baby pictures, students will also be asked to send a recent picture of their child. Renee prefers a Jpeg file, but will accept hard copies as well. A flyer will be coming home soon about this. Yearbooks will be selling for \$20 a book and order forms will be coming home soon. If anyone has any pictures of school events, please share them with the yearbook committee. Pictures can be put on a flash drive and label it with "yearbook". There is a yearbook mailbox in the copy room. Please be sure to label the flash drive with your child's name and teacher.

B. Playground (Melissa Moffatt)

Melissa updated the progress on the playground. It was being put together in January and will be installed as soon as the ground thaws.

C. Me and My Hero Dance (Melissa Moffatt and Jennifer Hedden)

Scheduled for Friday, February 24th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

It is only for Hopewell students (one parent per child)

The cost is \$5.00.

We are in need of one more photographer. It was suggested we reach out to key club or put it on the Facebook page.

D. Family Fun Night @ Bethlehem Skateaway (Christina Wasem)

Scheduled for Thursday, March 9th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The PTA is paying the \$250 to rent the rink. It will cost \$2.00 to rent skates. CASH ONLY. There are concessions there, this is CASH only too. Siblings welcome.

A flier was sent home last week.

IV. New Business:

A. Family Fun Night at Menchies (Catherine Ziets) This event is scheduled for Friday, April 7th from 4:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Ms. Limpar passed a signup sheet around to the teachers to see if there was interest in helping us with this event. 17 teachers signed up to help “work” at Menchies. The event will take place at the Cedar Crest location. Come out to Menchies on April 7th and Menchies will donate 20% of proceeds back to Hopewell. More information will come home as we get closer to the event.

B. Board Meetings (Renee D’Amico)

1. The next two board meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, February 13th at Hopewell and Tuesday, February 27th at the High School. Meetings begin at 7 P.M.
2. An Advisory Panel is being put together which includes the Superintendent, High School principal, the Middle School principal, Suzanne Buchanan (Dept. of Justice) and Michele (State Schools Office). They are looking into breaking this down into 4 subgroups for parents, administration, and faculty to work together to create an inclusive environment for all students. The subgroups are as follows:
 - Communication and Outreach
 - Curriculum
 - Educational Settings
 - Policies and Procedures

If you are interested in getting involved in any of these committees, contact Kristen Lewis, assistant to the superintendent.

V. Next meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 1st @9:30 a.m.

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

Respectfully submitted by,
Catherine Ziets
Recording Secretary