

Hopewell PTA Meeting

May 6, 2015

Members Present: Tiffany Gyuricsko, Catherine Ziets, Jennifer Philipp, Jill Hedges, Jen Hedden, Monica Scheinler, Stefanie Cecconi, Allison Cawley, Lori Limpar

I. Call to Order: Jennifer called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m.

II. Festival Update (Stefanie Cecconi):

- A. We are still in need of volunteers for the festival, particularly between 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. We may have to close the games early (7:30 p.m.) due to lack of volunteers.
- B. Classroom basket raffles: Several baskets are lacking items. We have received several monetary donations. It was discussed whether we should use some of that money to fill in some of the baskets to even them off. Ms. Limpar suggested we use some of the donation money to supplement and even off the baskets.

III. Approval of April 2015 PTA Meeting Minutes: Jennifer asked for a motion to approve. Jen Hedden approved, Allison Cawley seconded, and all were in favor.

IV. Report of Officers:

- A. Treasurer's Report (Allison Cawley): Presentation of Preliminary 2015/2016 budget
 - 1. We currently have \$29,455.60 cash balance. Our current budget for April is looking good. To date, we have received \$90.00 in donations to the PTA as a result of the letter that was sent home to families in mid April.
 - 2. With the proposed budget for the 2015-2016 school year, we take into consideration last year's budget and decide whether we need to increase, decrease, or leave the same.
 - 3. We budgeted \$3500 for Kidstuff Books. This will decrease next year to \$2500.
 - 4. Overall donations increased this year.
 - 5. There were no Giant gift cards or Market Day this year.
 - 6. PTA Memberships were down this year. It was discussed this may be due to the fact that some people joined as a single rather than a dual membership.
 - 7. Pizza coupons: We made \$1647.00 (budgeted \$2000). Allison discussed possibly turning this fundraiser into Restaurant coupons and not limiting ourselves to just pizza (suggestions include Copperhead Grille and maybe include some restaurants at the Promenade)
 - 8. Hopewell T-shirts (generally sold every other year). Allison discussed having a T-shirt contest for our last year in this building. Ms. Limpar said we will most likely keep the name, "Hopewell." It was found out through the PA Department of Education, there is a whole lot of extra work that would need to take place and costs involved to change the name.
 - 9. Read for Education (rather than Race for Education). This fundraiser involves reading books rather than running laps. Allison said her and Dawn need to find out more details about this fundraiser. Ms. Limpar said whatever fundraisers we decide to go with, we should tell parents that all fundraising proceeds will go toward our new playground. There is a high probability that we won't be able to move our existing playground into the new school. Parents are more likely to support our fundraising efforts if they know where the money is going.
 - 10. Author expense is at \$1800 but it may have been increased from last year. We will keep it at \$1800 for now.
 - 11. Hardship fund is set at \$150. The hardship fund has been useful for bounced checks and yearbooks. In the past, we have also taken money from here for Nikki Castetter to purchase underwear. Allison suggested making an account for the nurse, rather than taking from the

hardship fund. It was decided we would take the \$50 from Kindergarten graduation, because it is not being used, and give that to Nikki Castetter so she can purchase underwear and socks for the kids.

12. The following will remain the same:

- a) Assembly programs: \$800
- b) Books for Babies: \$200
- c) Box Tops: \$35
- d) Instructional Technology:\$125
- e) Play Day: \$55
- f) Field Trips:\$4000
- g) Habitat Maintenance:\$600
- h) PBS News:\$25
- i) PTA Expenses:\$50
- j) Recess equipment:\$150
- k) Reading is Fundamental(RIF):\$800
- l) Miler Club:\$200
- m) School Planners: increased to \$1100
- n) School-Wide BINGO:\$200
- o) Terlingo Reading Program:\$200
- p) Teachers-Holiday Ornaments:\$100
- q) Teacher Supplies Stipends:\$2025
- r) Teacher Staff Appreciation:\$900
- s) TIME for Kids/Weekly Reader:\$1200
- t) Zoellner Arts Center @ Lehigh University: Last year we sent the whole school (with the exception of Kindergarten due to time constraints) for less than \$900. Allison shared a brochure with us and provided an overview of the shows for the upcoming fall. The first one is called Magmanus, a two-man circus show about holding on and letting go. The other show, Mnozil Brass, involves eight guys with brass instruments out of Germany, playing instruments and dancing and performing. The shows are scheduled for October 2015 and April 2016.
- u) Administrative expenses all remained the same.

B. President's Report (Jen Philipp):

1. Jen received an email from Beth Haussmann, the President of the PTG at the Intermediate School. They are looking for people to serve on the executive board. If interested, please let her know.
2. Thanks to Dawn Resch for organizing the Iron Pigs Night Out. 700+ tickets were sold between the three elementary schools. Despite the cold, it was a really fun night! One student from each school was selected to throw out the "first pitch."

C. Principal's Report (Lori Limpar):

1. Next year's school supplies will be on the school website, which will be updated by the end of this school year
2. Calendar of events
 - a) 5/5 (Hudson), 5/6 (Bryan), 5/7 (Pompella) – Lutz- Franklin One Room Schoolhouse
 - b) 5/7: Next year's Kindergarten visitation (9:15 – 10:15AM)
 - c) 5/10: Happy Mother's Day!
 - d) 5/11: 3rd grade choral and instrumental concert 7-8PM (student assembly in the afternoon)
 - e) 5/12: 3rd grade Band /Instrument demo with Vera Marston
 - f) 5/14: 2nd grade field trip to LV Zoo

- g) 5/15: Author visit : Michael Patrick O'Neill
- h) 5/18: 1st grade field trip to Pool Wildlands
- i) 5/19: Play Day
- j) 5/20: Play Day (rain date)
- k) 5/21: 3rd grade tour of Intermediate School and lunch; K-2 Assembly: Snow White
- l) 5/22: 12:50 dismissal, PM Kindergarten attends, 3rd Grade Biography Museum
- m) 5/22: Spirit Day: wear red, white, or blue
- n) 5/25: Memorial Day Holiday No school
- o) 5/27: Kindergarten field trip to Farm
- p) 5/28: 2nd grade to see Play at Parkland HS
- q) 5/29: Hopewell PTA Festival 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM
- r) 6/2: Kindergarten Graduation 10AM and 2:40PM
- s) 6/3: PTA meeting 9:30
- t) 6/5 Beach Read: Wear beach attire (no swimsuits please)
- u) 6/9: Spirit Day: Crazy Hair Day
- v) 6/10 LEMA / Rob Wetmore end of year CARES assembly 10:30 AM
- w) 6/10 EARLY DISMISSAL TIME TBA by Central Office Administration

V. Election of Officers for the 2015-2016 School Year

President:

Vice-President, Fundraising: Allison Cawley

Treasurer: Jennifer Hedden

Recording Secretary: Catherine Ziets

Corresponding Secretary: Dawn Resch

Jen Philipp will continue to act as President until a new President is voted into office.

Jen asked for a motion to approve. All were in favor of the nominations.

VI. Report of Committees: None

VII. Old Business: None

VIII. New Business: None

IX. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Catherine Ziets, Recording Secretary