

**Hopewell PTA Meeting**  
September 3, 2014

**Members Present:** Jennifer Philipp, Catherine Ziets, Dawn Resch, Lori Limpar, Shauna Werling, Jennifer Hedden, Jill Hedges, Maria Ault, Brad Kuchinski, Madi Capoccia, Frank Capoccia, Stefanie Cecconi, Concepcion Ocena

- I. **Call to Order:** Jennifer Philipp called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.
- II. **President's Welcome:** Jennifer welcomed everyone and reviewed the times of the meetings each month. All meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month, with the exception of the January and February meetings which are held at 2:30 p.m. Jennifer introduced the executive board for the upcoming school year:

President: Jennifer Philipp  
Vice President: Melissa Woodring  
Treasurer: Allison Cawley  
Recording Secretary: Catherine Ziets  
Corresponding Secretary: Dawn Resch

- III. **Approval of May 2014 Minutes:** Jennifer asked for a motion to approve. Stefanie Cecconi approved, Jennifer Hedden seconded, and all were in favor.

IV. **Report of Officers:**

A. President's Report: (Jennifer Philipp)

1. Membership Drive: Jennifer discussed joining the PTA allows you to vote on PTA issues, however, you still have the opportunity to volunteer if you are not a member. Dawn Resch is handling the PTA Drive. You can find PTA information on the Southern Lehigh Website. Jennifer said there have been changes to some of the PTA bylaws that pertain to general meeting minutes. Jennifer has copies if anyone would like to review.
2. Jennifer is looking for someone to shadow her this year to fill the Presidency position next school year. It is a two year term.
3. A+ Rewards: Ms. Limpar said Giant Bonus Cards do not need to be re-registered as in year's past. Hopewell will earn points for purchases made.

B. Vice President's Report:

1. Fundraising this fall: Kidstuff Books and Pizza Coupons
  - Kidstuff Books will come home this Friday or next Monday. You may keep the book and send the money back. We need every child in school to purchase/sell a book to make this fundraiser successful. If you are interested in helping with the Kidstuff books, the PTA is meeting this Friday at 9 a.m.
  - Pizza Fundraiser: We will be selling pizza coupons from local pizza stores (Ecco Domani, Carlos, Casa Mia)

C. Treasurer's Report (Allison Cawley)

1. "We are starting the year well"
  - We have \$30,040 in the bank
    - \$22,274.03 in our checking account
    - \$7,786.86 in our savings account
  - The documents have been submitted to Rapid Return.
  - We are looking into changing banks from QNB to Embassy Bank.

D. Principal's Report (Lori Limpar)

1. Ms. Limpar started off by saying it is great to see new faces. She asked everyone at the meeting to introduce themselves.
2. She said we are off to a good start. There are 40 new students and several registered in the last two weeks. Transportation is going fairly well. Please allow two weeks for the schedule to become more consistent.
3. CARES Program: It's a nice way to teach children what you say makes a difference. In the lobby of the school are buckets for each class. The students heard the story "Have You Filled Your Bucket Today?" There are a few extra copies in the office if anyone is interested in borrowing them. There is a CARES committee and when the school receives enough compliments, there is a school wide celebration.
  - This Friday, September 5th, Sensei Rob Wetmore from Leading Edge Martial Arts will do a program that ties in with our CARES Program. There will be a demonstration and he will discuss things such as stranger danger, self-discipline, being nice and safe. Students are encouraged to wear "Hopewell Blue".
4. Important events are highlighted in the monthly calendar and the PTA Newsletter.
5. If anyone has an interesting speaker they are welcome at PTA meetings.
6. There are a few extra Hopewell T-shirts if anyone is interested. Please see Jennifer Philipp. The t-shirts are sold every other year.
7. Building update: In the near future, Lower Milford and Hopewell will be closing and a new school will be built. The district has picked an architect (KCB in Sellersville). There are weekly meetings and the most current and accurate information is posted on the SLSD Website under Elementary Building Planning. The target date to start building is this winter (2014). The target date for completion of this project is 2016-2017 (6 months of planning and 1 1/2 yrs. to build).

V. **Committees**

- A. Jennifer said we are doing well with committee chairs. Some have been filled, we may need some co-chairs. We are changing things a bit. WE will look for volunteers as we get closer to each event. We are currently looking for a Social Chair.

- B. The Fall Social is scheduled for Friday, October 24th from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. It is a fun night for the kids: the children wear their costumes; there is a DJ, parade, dance.
- C. Nothing is planned for a spring social. \$500 is budgeted for an event.

**VI. Old Business:**

- A. Stefanie Cecconi discussed the festival from last year. The new vendors and entertainers were well received. Stefanie will chair the 2015 Hopewell Festival set for Friday, May 29, 2015. The Fresh Market will provide the food again. We are good with committee chairs. Last year's festival we were short with volunteers, particularly working the games. Stephanie Jeitner discussed clearing this date with the baseball league, as many could not attend/volunteer because of baseball commitments. Stefanie Cecconi said she will try to contact the baseball league with the date of the festival so they try not to schedule games for that night.
- B. Carla Stock will chair the Trim a Tree to be held Saturday, December 6th from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Set up will be December 5th from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Carla said she thought Diana's was a little pricey for some; she would like to look for other vendors. Also looking for ways to promote more vendors.
- C. Gail Keller and Tricia Kutt will be doing the yearbook again this year. If anyone has pictures from the first day of school at the bus stop, please email them to Gail or Tricia.

**VII. New Business:**

- A. A question was asked about how Open House will run this year. Some people expressed they preferred a presentation given by the teachers to review important classroom information. Ms. Limpar said she would share this with the faculty.
- B. Jennifer discussed PTA involvement with Hopewell Picture Day. The PTA looks for volunteers to help on this day. More information will follow about timing.

**VIII. Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 10:16 a.m.