

Hammond Middle School PTA

Meeting Minutes for February 15, 2017

Attendees:

- Sumaira Bajwa, President
- Tricia Miller, Treasurer
- Mollie Baer, 2nd VP
- Cathy Stohlman, Secretary
- Tami Baldwin, PTACHC Rep
- Lynne Ward, Co- Chair Staff Appreciation
- Kerri Ukstins, Co- Chair Staff Appreciation
- Diane Garey, 8th Grade Dance Chair
- Kerry Dufresne, Principal

Minutes

- **Opening:** The meeting was called to order.
- **Secretary's Report (Cathy Stohlman):** Cathy Stohlman made a request to pass January's general meeting minutes. Kerri Ukstins made a motion to pass the minutes. Lynne Ward made the second motion. Minutes passed.
- **Treasurer's Report (Tricia Miller):** The current cash balance for the PTA is \$9,219.00. Tricia is waiting to receive the check from Kolby's for \$100.00 and \$122.00 from Three Brother's for restaurant night fundraisers.
- **PTACHC Report (Tami Baldwin):** At the February 6th PTACHC meeting delegates discussed Homewood School and the financial assistance the school needs because it has no dedicated PTA of its own. Two proposals were offered. One, increase annual PTACHC dues by \$30.00, and two, rotate responsibility for the funds by cluster each month. The members in attendance agreed to donate funds to the school. When and the amount TBA. There is a meeting in Annapolis February 17th to discuss state wide county school board elections. PTA members have the chance to discuss their positions with delegates and senators. On February 25th there will be a Danger Dating/Healthy Relationship seminar at Oakland Middle School.
- **Principal's Report (Kerry Dufresne):** Kerry held separate mid-year assemblies per grade to review appropriate student conduct policies. A notice via canvas was also sent to 8th grades student to reaffirm civility responsibilities, respectful and responsible action toward teachers' and fellow students. Staff luncheon was greatly appreciated. A number of randomly selected 8th grade students' will be participating in the National AEP assessment on 2/28/17. Letters were sent home to designated students.
- **1st VP Report (Mollie Baer):** Staff appreciation lunch went well. The staff dinner will be the week of parent teacher conferences March 9th. The sign-up-genius for volunteers and donations will go out the week before for the lunch. The next restaurant night is at La Palapa Too in Fulton on March 20th from 5 - 9 pm. The box tops contest runs through 3/3/17. The last contest will be held in the spring. This contest will be a competition between grades. The prize in the past has been extended recess. Members

discussed if that was enough of an incentive to encourage participation. It was agreed that it is a sufficient motivator. An eBlast looking to recruit volunteers for the 8th grade dance committee will be sent out asap. Discussed using a photo booth for the students' entertainment. The committee will hold a CD cover art competition. Mr. Ebbe will handle setting up the competition and the collection of pictures for the class CD. Ice Skating Night will be February 24th at the Garden's Ice House in Laurel. The members voted and decided to go ahead with the Color Run in May. Duties were divided among members in attendance and more volunteers are needed. Please contact Sumaira Bajwa for further information.

- **President's Report (Sumaira Bajwa):** HMS won the Baltimore Chapter of MathCounts after school program! The team has advanced to the state competition. The geography and spelling bees along with the math events have seen an increased turn out this year. Early and consistent promotion along with staff encouragement was helpful in getting the word out. The shopping benefits program needs more participation. The suggestion was made to reach out to staff and include them

New Business

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, March 14th at 6:15, in the Media Center. All are welcome.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cathy Stohlman, HMS PTA Secretary.
