

Hammond Middle School PTA

Meeting Minutes for November 7th, 2019

Attendees:

- Nicole Alston, President
- Karen Caron, Vice President
- Tricia Miller, Treasurer
- Mollie Baer, Secretary
- Tara Terry, Corresponding Secretary
- Christina Proctor, Staff Appreciation Co-Chair
- Erin Roberts, PTACHC Representative
- Aaron Dale, Principal HMS
- Michelle Slinghuff, Parent
- Kelly Abernathy, Parent
- Nina Shearer, Parent
- Pamela Sneddon, Parent

Minutes

- **Welcome** The meeting was called to order at 6:35 by PTA President, Nicole Alston.
- **President's Report:**

Fall Fling: attendance was half as many students as last year.

Question from parent: were all the kids safe? Some students seemed confused about what the event was all about. Volunteer coordinator was very busy and new to fall fling.

Color Run: New event in January here at HMS- Zumba party instead of Color Run. Event will include meal prep presentation. Maybe explore other types of runs for future? Maybe with HES

Restaurant Nights: On the Border 11/17 Modern Market 12/12

Spirit Wear: will continue throughout the year

Box Tops: No report

Spelling Bee: Gift cards CAN be done, but no more than \$25

Amazon Wish Lists: Karen is continuing to figure how to get the word out to teachers, Dr. Dale says he will send an email.

Staff appreciation: 3:15-4 11/26 baked potato bar, sign up genius pending

Student directory? Can we pull from canvas? No \$\$\$ to print

Additional programming: chess club is the only after school PTA sponsored program currently. Ideally we need an individual to facilitate an after school program run by a company or HCRP programs. Check with Leigh. The \$125 cost for the Screenagers-Next Chapter is not in the budget. Check with Leigh String about possibility of a showing. We have no funding in the budget for after school activities that kids don't have to pay for. Cultural arts budget line in past

used for 6th grade slam poet, we could maybe split up \$\$\$ for each grade maybe to fund in house programming.

Any programs staff wants to be brought in?

- **Principal's Report: Dates:** AHS eagle scout project will be building picnic tables this weekend
- **8th grade dance:** (cruise) Can PTA fund down payment? Dr Dale would like to book before winter break.
- **Golf tournament fundraiser?** Dr Dale would like the PTA to explore this option as a possibility.
- **Dates:**
 - Band concert Tuesday 11/12
 - American Education Week 11/18-22 6th grade visits 19th 7th grade visits 20th 8th grade visits 21st 11/25 & 11/26 3 hour early dismissal
 - 11/14 ROTC visit
 - 11/19 vision and hearing screenings
- **PTA meeting will move to Wednesday 12/4** due to Winter Chorus concert Thursday 12/5
- **Viking voice:** President says new cell phone policy is going well, they are doing a sports survey, students want the vending machine open and bigger portions during lunch. Spirit days are going well. New! In the cafeteria-free sit Friday
- **Attendance:** 97.1% vs 95% last year
- **Yearbook program?**
- **Discipline:** 25 incidents for the year one suspension one ISI (last year this time-54 suspensions 14 ISI) 52% are in the 8th grade- 6th and 7th 25% each
- **Secretary's Report (Mollie Baer):** Tricia made a motion to approve the minutes from October, Erin seconded the motion. Canvas presentation from last month will be on the website.
- **Treasurer's Report (Tricia Miller):** \$10,260.68 balance
 - Income: Membership, spirit wear, donations, Chipotle
 - (Fall Fling made \$728.58 126 students but did not quite break even. Went \$23 over budget)
 - Expenses: Fall Fling, council dues, membership dues, PTACHC dues, copies, tie dye shirt order, Screenagers
 - We are close to budget target! \$4300 membership
 - Tricia met with auditor, report will be back in 2 weeks,
 - \$3500 of surplus will be spent down in budget will leave \$5000 at the end of the year
 - \$1000 in cultural arts will be our wiggle room
 - Donation shed for revenue?
- **PTACHC Report (Erin Roberts):**
 - policy 4030 PTA donations can now be allocated to what school needs them! Testify against this in February
 - student council at the county level votes on student member of the board 11/13 7pm Homewood grades 6-12
 - PTACHC survey one per school, Nicole completed
 - Redistricting: Jen Mallo from the BOE said it is unlikely they will do nothing.
 - State delegation house Bill One will fund 2.2 billion in school construction
 - CB 42 did pass with lots of amendments

- **Open Forum:** Path with bridge as outlined in bike howard from Crest road to Hammond parkway in county long range plan. Parents want it soon, especially seeing as how we are getting 400 new neighbors. Vote to support this undertaking is unanimous.
- **Closing:**
 - Nicole made a motion to adjourn, Dr Dale seconded the motion.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Mollie Baer, HMS PTA Secretary.