

HICKMAN PTSA MEETING MINUTES

February 3, 2025 5:30 pm

Attendees: Geni Alexander, Lisa Frick, Kate Canterbury, Brenda York, Mary Grupe, Dana Carter, Amy Childs, Akiva Trachtenberg, Sam Stewart, Amy Hoyt, Amber Sears, Shirley Hardiman, Kristin Bowen, Christy Reedy, Jill Fischer, Sue Schommer, Brian McCartney, Brett Phipps, Amy Zguta, Rosemary Feraldi, Valerie Freed

Call to Order at 5:32

Minutes Rosemary moves to approve the previous meeting minutes as submitted, Brenda seconds; motion passes.

Financials See treasurer's report submitted by Brenda York. Concessions income has almost reached the goal for the year. Money in PayPal and Venmo will be moved to the account at the end of the school year. Many thanks to Sue for all her work with concessions. Exec team will discuss a new funding request and bring it to the March meeting. The concession stand is our main source of income so please volunteer and encourage your friends to as well. Without enough volunteers, we could lose the opportunity to run the concession stand. There are 37 events between fall and winter sports. Volunteers needed for the final 3 winter events on February 15, 16 and 18. Spring events will pick up in mid/late March. Rosemary asks about B&N income – it was about \$2900. Lisa moves to accept the treasurer's report, Rosemary seconds; motion passes.

Student Council Akiva Trachtenberg and Sam Stewart-Courtwarding theme is Valentine's Day. Administration has proposed to move the time to 7-9pm. A student deejay has also been proposed since SICCC Jams has new equipment. This idea saves money and also gives the students more control over the music being played. Any radio version of songs are allowed to be played at the dance. The assembly is based on Squid Games. Three games will be played by the Courtwarding Royalty. Show Choir will be performing during the intermission. Geni will email and await response for needed volunteers. Early release schedule is being condensed to accommodate the need to have the assembly twice as there is no space that accommodates the entire school population. Career Center buses do not run on early release or late start days because there are not enough drivers. Still working to get the East entrance open, Ms. Grupe says it is ready except for safety and security staffing.

Guest Presentation Detective Tracy Perkins, Boone County Sheriff's Department-presentation about online/social media safety recorded for future availability.

PTSA President Report - Geni Alexander

Old Business:

- **Microwaves** - two bought and in service-thank you for Dana for working on this for the students
- **Trash Cans** - Lisa Frick-Stu Gov got more trash cans that will be deployed soon, hopefully Saturday. Once data is collected to see if more trash cans reduce litter, Lisa will compose an Op Ed if appropriate. Lisa has not received any further response from the COO. 2 classes were out cleaning today – please send photos and or data. The litter is not considered a violation of the nuisance ordinance because it is not visible from the street.

New Business:

- **Kewpie Grants** - Rosemary Feraldi-12 applications totaling \$2792.50. Balance from fall was \$1,363.00. The committee has approved all 12 for funding to be considered tonight. Amy Childs moves to fund them all. Brenda reports that several that were approved last fall have not been paid out because

receipts have not been turned in. There is about \$1100 remaining in classroom cash. That amount and the amount received in excess of the projected budget from B&N is approximately the amount needed to fund all 12 requests. The gift cards for student incentives have not yet been received, Geni will follow up (\$250 approved in December). Kate moves to approve all 12, Kristin seconds; motion passes. Rosemary thanks Sara McGuffey and Katie Harris for serving on the committee.

- **Nominating Committee** - presentation of 25-26 slate-Geni Alexander, Lisa Frick and Valerie Freed have agreed to stay in their current positions for next year. The committee has interest in the other open positions which are treasurer and a vice-president. We need more volunteers for concessions. Email katecbgb@gmail.com if you have potential nominees. Discussed recruitment strategies.

Principal's Report - Mary Grupe-unplanned fire alarms largely due to the remaining vapor detectors that have not been switched to heat detectors due to lack of funding. Likely due to sprays rather than smoke. Hiring is going well so far. HHS has 23 or so student teachers at this time. Black History Month just kicked off and is going well. Thank you to Dana Carter for your leadership. Students excelling in multiple areas. 9th grade boys basketball team showing a lot of promise. Great play last week – Can't Take It With You was incredible. Assistant principal and Athletic Director will both be coming up for approval by the Board, both are currently in the position as interim staff. Looking forward to fewer staff vacancies/concerns. Students will be notified if they are not eligible for the Courtwarming dance due to attendance. The goal is to get as many students to the dance as possible. Please reach out to the assistant principal about this concern. 1st period tardies seem to turn into absences rather than just tardies. State statutes for attendance are by the minute rather than by the day so every minute really counts. Amy Childs complements the online absence form.

Committee Reports (6:45-7:00)

Beautification: *Volunteer(s) Needed*-Kristin and Lisa will be present for the 2/8 event. Always the 2nd Saturday of the month from 9-11.

Club Cash: Geni Alexander

Membership: Kate Canterbury

Teacher Appreciation: Mary Jo Creech and Lisa Frick and *Volunteer Needed*-February 14th potato bar starting at 1:00. Signup genius is ready to go out.

Website: Carla Fletcher

Social Media: Kate Canterbury

Reflections: Valerie Freed

Hospitality: *Volunteer needed*

Fundraising: Chimene Schwach

Concessions: Sue Schommer

PTSA Awards: Mary Jo Creech-Info was sent to club sponsors last week. The event will be Thursday, March 20 at 6:30 in the Little Theater. 13 nominees from 4 clubs already; last year there were 29 students nominated by 11 clubs. Hospitality volunteers needed for directing attendees to the Little Theater and for the refreshment table, as well as if there is anyone interested in learning the role to serve as chair in the future.

Adjourn Amy moves to adjourn at 7:25pm.

Upcoming Dates:

- **February 8:** Kewpie Cleanup, 9-11 am
- **March 3:** Next regular meeting, 5:30 pm, HHS Media Center
- **March 8:** Kewpie Cleanup, 9-11 am - **leader needed**
- **March 20:** PTSA Awards, 6:30 pm, Little Theater