

HAE PTA Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2019

6:00 Welcome and call to order by President, Lindsey Fox

Old business and approval of last meeting's minutes

Motion to approve minutes from last meeting. Minutes were approved.

We previously discussed writing a grant for a water bottle refill station. There are lots of grants available.

We are looking for a parent to write a grant request.

There is a book program through Panda Express. Teachers can see Ms. Rosso if interested.

Principal's Report

The inside of the school is being painted. A small area has already been done over a weekend and it looks great. Edges volunteers helped and we may need volunteers to help at the Big Event to do more inside painting.

The Big Event is April 6th. Heather has put in a request for Circle K volunteers from Virginia Tech.

There will likely be a building modular at HAE next year. The school board has looked at our property and it still has to be approved by the town. It is not a trailer, it will be a big building with 4 classrooms, a bathroom, and a staff lounge. The school will decide which classes go out in the modular and the exact location for the modular has not been determined yet.

Ken Pease is our new art teacher for the remainder of the year. He will overlap with Mrs. Mayer for a few days during the transition before she leaves HAE.

Fine Arts night for grades 3-5 is March 12th and grades K-2 is April 9th.

Treasurer's Report

We are still doing well. We have a little over \$16,000 in the checking account. The surplus has accumulated over the years. It was again suggested that a long term goal may be to move some money from checking to savings to earn interest.

We have recently earned \$130 from coca cola give and \$105 from Amazon Smile. We will be offering items for each grade level's school supply kit items on Amazon Smile. Items will be bought a la carte. Updated supply lists need to be provided to Ron.

A year to date review was provided. The money spent has been put to good use. There have been lots of fun events and other positive initiatives such as: the author visit, the Barter Theatre came, hospitality events, green school initiative, classroom grants funded, caring community items, paying for scholastic fees, the fall festival, the dance/game night, and Turkey Bingo to name a few.

New Business

Ms. Tuckwiller suggested a new fundraising opportunity. It is selling items online only from Mixed Bags. There are bags and items made from reusable materials such as totes and lunch boxes, the company offers up to 40% to the PTA. This would not be a door to door fundraiser.

There has been conversation as to when and how to communicate to school families. How much communication from the school and PTA is too much? Is there a way to come up with a schedule where an email is set to go out once every few weeks such as the 2nd and 4th Friday or some sort of schedule?

Items also come from Peach Jar and then flyers may also be sent home in folders. There are about 18-20

school families not online so they must get paper notices. Could committees coordinate sign ups to go out together in one email? We have a PTA newsletter that goes out on the 15th of each month.

The nominating committee for new board members presented the new nominations as follows: Lindsey Fox for President, Marian Brown for VP, Heather Wagoner for Treasurer, and Angela Gess for Secretary. The election will take place at the April 1st PTA meeting.

Committee Reports

There will be some new Chairs needed for committees for next year. Specifically, we know that the Green Team will need a new chair.

Box Tops – We received a check in January for \$441.50.

Coca Cola Give – collect coke products for scanning/entering to receive \$. We are at around \$470 and our goal this year is \$400, so we are doing well.

Dining for Dollars – DFD was successful at Chinese Kitchen. We are trying to schedule a DFD for after STEAM night.

Events – Field Day and Spring Fling will be combined this year and occur during the school day on 6/3.

Green Team – Things are going well in the lunch room, but we really need some new volunteers. A new chair is needed for next year.

Hospitality – Next, there will be a deli sandwich lunch or international lunch for the teachers and staff.

Announcements

3/12 Fine Arts for grades 3-5

3/21 STEAM night 5:15-7:00

4/1 Next PTA meeting

4/6 Big Event – beautification day

4/9 Fine Arts K-2

4/23 Earth Day

5/6-5/10 Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week

6/3 Field Day and Spring Fling during the day

6/5 Last day of school (tentatively)

Meeting Adjourned: 7:15 p.m.