

HMS PTO General Meeting Minutes – April 14, 2010
Pending Approval

Attendance: Suzanne Heneghan, Martha Henrikson, Mary Cass, Nancy Hamp, Cindy Scalzo, Lynne Bloomfield, Cheryl Margason, Molly Bowater, Sue Shupe, Stephanie Domiano, Annette Phillips, Liz Monson, Julie Liesse, Christine Allen, Linda Rio Reichmann

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Co-President Stephanie Domiano at 9:45 a.m.

Recording Secretaries' Report: The minutes from the March 10, 2010 meeting were circulated and reviewed. They were approved.

Presidents' Report: Stephanie thanked the Executive Board for helping host the PTO/A Presidents' Meeting last week. She thought it went well. We volunteered as an Executive Board to attend coffees for parents of incoming 6th-graders.

Vice Presidents' Report: No report.

School Board Presentation: CCSD 181 School Board Vice President Linda Rio Reichmann presented on the Board's plan to possibly cut another \$700,000 from next year's budget due to expected shortfalls due to anticipated decreased state aid, decreased federal funding for education, and increases in crossing guard and medical insurance expenses. The Board passed some additional expenditure reductions and revenue enhancements, which are available to see on the CCSD 181 website, www.d181.org. The new measures included cutting teachers' professional development allowances, changes in cleaning services, reducing overtime and summer work in the Buildings and Grounds Department, authorizing a previously approved Cook County Tax Rate Factor increase, and increasing student registration fees by \$25 per student for the 2010 to 2011 school year. Please let the Board know by email or phone calls what matters most to you in budget matters for the future.

Treasurers' Report: Treasurer Liz Monson reported the proposed PTO budget for next year will be based on projected income of \$42,350. The budget will be available for viewing on the PTO website, www.hmspto.org, and will be voted on at next month's PTO meeting on May 12. The primary revenue generators for PTO are School Supplies, Dues and Directories and the Magazine Sale. She and Annette Phillips, Co-Treasurer, will be investigating the possibility of enhancing our interest income with our current or other banks. Stephanie reported that the Executive Board approved the purchase of five additional interactive smart

boards for mathematics classrooms using Wish List funds which were carry-over revenue from last year. This purchase was proposed by Ruben Pena, Principal. A new school sign and Blue Ribbon School plaque were also approved for purchase with Wish List money.

Committee Reports: Stephanie reported the Staff Appreciation Committee's efforts, chaired by Kim Neal and Laura Gutman, have been noticed by teachers and staff.

Old Business: None

New Business: The proposed slate of HMS PTO Executive Board members for the 2010–2011 school year was introduced by the Nominating Committee. The slate is posted on the website, www.hmspto.org. The membership will vote at the May meeting on the nominated slate of Executive Board candidates:

Co–Presidents: Lynne Bloomfield and Julie Liesse

Co–Vice Presidents: Cheryl Margason and Sue Shupe

Treasurer: Annette Phillips

Co–Corresponding Secretaries: Molly Bowater and Janet Meyer

Co–Recording Secretaries: Nancy Hamp and Cindy Scalzo

The meeting was adjourned by Stephanie at 11:15 a.m.

Submitted by Mary Cass and Nancy Hamp, Co–Recording Secretaries
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