

HMS PTO General Meeting Minutes – May 12, 2010
Pending Approval

Attendance: Suzanne Heneghan, Martha Henrikson, Mary Cass, Nancy Hamp, Cindy Scalzo, Lynne Bloomfield, Cheryl Margason, Stephanie Domiano, Annette Phillips, Liz Monson, Julie Liesse, Tammy Mason, Janet Meyer, Annette Burlet, M. Sokolowski, Ruben Pena

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Co-President Stephanie Domiano at 10:10 a.m.

Recording Secretaries' Report: The minutes from the April 14, 2010 meeting were circulated and reviewed. They were approved.

Presidents' Report: Stephanie thanked the Executive Board for their help this year. She also thanking Elaine Keller for all her behind the scenes work as Co-President. Julie Liesse attended the Presidents' meeting this month and reported that new officers were elected to the Board. Due to the anticipated reductions in state funding, the District will most likely operate with a budget deficit for 2010/2011.

Vice Presidents' Report: The VP's also thanked the Board for their support this year. Committee leads are still needed for Directory, Weekly e-blast and Back to School volunteer coordinator.

Treasurer's Report: Liz reported that there was \$1750 in family donations to the MRC as a result of the book fair as well as \$4324 donated to the MRC from book fair profits. There was also money allocated to fee waiver students for summer reading books.

Liz must have all expenses for 2009/2010 submitted to her for reimbursement by the end of this school year. If volunteers donated services and or costs, Liz would like a note sent to her so that she can budget for these items in future years.

Any surplus in the budget for the year is allotted to the Wish List generated by Ruben and approved by the Executive Board. Approved items this year were \$4k for HMS signage, \$5k for smart boards and \$5k for band equipment.

A motion was made by Julie Liesse to approve the 2010/2011 HMS PTO Budget and it was approved.

Principal's and Asst. Principal's Report: Dr. Hendrikson reported that last week 6th and 7th graders read through the cyber bullying brochure as part of the SELAS program. 8th graders will go through the brochure on May 26th. Parents are encouraged to follow up with dialogue at home. The PTO plans to schedule a speaker for one of the PTO meetings next year on this topic.

A banner with "HMS is Above the Line" will be hung in the school next year and all students will be asked to sign the banner as a pledge to follow the three B's and to keep behavior above the line.

Ruben thanked the PTO and parents for their help and support this year. He apologized if he hasn't been timely on returning phone calls and emails and asked parents to be persistent and continue to reach back. He held a parent meeting on the Branson bus experience with positive results. Ruben emphasized that there were 44 heroes on that bus and commented that the driver acted immediately and had gone through the safety procedures with the students prior to departure.

Several suggestions were made and will be implemented:

- Bus lists will be prepared for all field trips
- An Administrator will be present for departures/arrivals
- Chaperones will be seated among students instead of at the front of the bus
- All student loading will be done in the bus loop. Only equipment will be loaded in the back of the school.
- Continue to work to ensure the grounds and the building are safe. The wire that was located 6 inches from the street is back in the same location. The District will be working with ComEd and the Village to move or mark this wire so this accident does not happen again.

There was an incident where Bus 8 broke down on the tracks. Ruben has reviewed safety records and invites all parents to see and review these records as they are public.

HMS has a new magazine representative for next year. They will be revisiting the options for prizes to make sure we are using prize money effectively to motivate students.

The school elevator will be replaced this summer.

Committee Reports: Plant sale in progress at Vern Goers with 10% off to HMS.

Cold Stone is giving a % of sales to HMS on Friday, May 21st in conjunction with Link with Pink. They also would like help working shifts on Friday.

Old Business: None

New Business: The proposed slate of HMS PTO Executive Board members for the 2010-2011 was approved. The 2010/2011 PTO Executive Board members are:

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 11:30 p.m.

Submitted by Mary Cass and Nancy Hamp, Co-Recording Secretaries 5/25/10 9:25 PM