

HMS PTO Meeting Minutes – October 10, 2012

PTO Officers Present: Robin Thrana, Lisa Seplak, Sharon Johns, Laura Glenn, Heather Shalgos, Laura Gambla, Lisa Milligan, Karen Choi, Kathy Adelman, Molly Hughes.

I. Welcome

The meeting was called to order by Heather Shalgos at 9:35 a.m.

II. Secretary's Report:

A motion to approve the minutes from the September 12th General PTO meeting was made Robin Thrana seconded the motion. The motion carried.

III. President's Report:

Robin emphasized that the majority of the HMS PTO fund raising is done at the beginning of the school year through the magazine sales. She reported that vending machine sales are robust which is part of the small fund raising the PTO does throughout the school year.

IV. Treasurer's Report:

Laura Glenn reported that total magazine sales were \$41,000. The budget planned for \$42,000 in sales. The sale is considered to have been a success. Everything else within the budget is on target and going as planned.

V. Vice President's Report:

Kathy Adelman reported that the "Above the Line" recognition program for teachers and staff is ongoing and awarded on a quarterly basis. Nomination forms can be picked up in the school office or found on the PTO web site under the resources tab. Comments or nominations can be e-mailed to VicePresident@hmspto.org. Karen Choi is the other VP working with Kathy for this excellence in teaching recognition program.

VI. Committee Reports:

A. Directory

Amy Habeck and Mary Anne Clark, the two directory chairs were unable to attend. Heather Shalgos reported that of the 674 families at HMS all but 7 have confirmed their contact information for the directory. The print copy is going to print today. The plan is to distribute the printed version to students by the end of October. Additional directories will be available at the Shack at the price of \$10 each.

Heather also reported that the PTO has always given each HMS teacher a directory. However, this year in place of the printed directory, each teacher will receive the A-Z on-line directory app. This saves the PTO \$400. Since this a transition year for a new directory process, PTO members were encouraged to

contact Amy or Mary Anne with questions and concerns about the directory, both printed and electronic versions. The final costs to produce the directory will be reported next month.

B. Magazines Sales

Heather reported that sales were short a few thousand dollars from the previous year's sales. We are still waiting for out of town orders to be added to our total sale.

C. Spartan Shack

The Shack opened on schedule last month. A sales report will be given at the November general PTO meeting.

D. Book Fair

The PTO purchased 100 books from Tim Green when he came to speak to HMS students. The books will be sold during the book fair.

E. Rotary Run

Chair is Susan Draddy. 38 students are currently signed up to run in the Rotary Run Charity Classic on October 14th. CHMS currently has 29 students signed up. A trophy is awarded to the Middle School with the most participants in the event. The P.E. department of the winning school receives a \$250 grant from The Rotary Club.

VII. Principal's Report:

The 8th Grade Washington DC trip is scheduled. The PTO's Angel Fund has the purpose of covering the costs for students that cannot afford the cost to send their student to Washington DC. The Angel Fund is short this year. Donations will be taken to make up the shortage. Any donation amount is welcome.

VIII. Special Presentation: Internet Safety

Sarah Migas, an Internet Safety Specialist from the Illinois Attorney General's office lead a discussion about keeping kids safe when using digital media. Sarah focusses on preventing Internet Crimes Against Children, ICAC. Ms. Migas, will speak to kids for a SELAS program day at HMS on November 1st.

The State of Illinois requires digital citizenship and digital safety to be taught to students in grades 3-8.

Some highlights that Sara presented to the PTO were:

- Responsible use of social media/technology
- Kids can make positive choices on-line to prevent cyber bullying and sexting
- Social media is a public platform and there is no such thing as privacy.

- When using Social Media sites it is a reflection of character. Kids need to learn how to be responsible digital citizens.

Upcoming Dates:

10/14 - Rotary Run Charity Classic

10/15 - Community Engagement Meeting at CHMS from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

10/16 - Community Engagement Meeting at HMS from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

10/17- Rachel's Challenge at CHMS. Parent presentation in the evening and appropriate for Middle School and High School aged children.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Johns, Co-Recording Secretary