

H.W. Mountz PTA Minutes

Monday, January 7, 2019

9:05 a.m. Call to Order

Recording Secretary's Report

Noelle Henry reported that the November 5, 2018 minutes have been submitted and reviewed. A **MOTION** was made to approve the minutes, motion seconded and **APPROVED**.

Corresponding Secretary's Report

John Marzullo reported on behalf of Suzanne Newman the following notes of thanks:

- From Mrs. Callahan and Mrs. Reid for providing the mini-grant funds for the 4th grade trip to Kidsbridge Tolerance Museum.
- From Sunny and Don Griffin for the flowers.
- From Katie and Sean Flaherty for the flowers.
- From Jenine Dora and Family for the flowers.
- From Mrs. O'Reilly for the Holiday Gift Fair.
- From Mrs. Callahan for the cookies throughout the holiday season.
- From SLEA for the cookies throughout the holiday season and the H.W. Mountz magnets.

Treasurer's Report

Diane Moran reported that the Checking account balance is \$175,266.29 and the Savings account balance is \$4,499.23 as of 1/7/19. Diane Moran passed out a budget analysis and gave a brief overview of how the PTA allocates funds.

Committee Updates

Holiday Gift Fair (Cheryl Lynch)

Eileen Lin thanked Cheryl Lynch and Caroline Schiavone for chairing the Holiday Gift Fair. It was a huge success. Cheryl Lynch reported this year there were more quality gift items as well as local vendors selling gifts. A special thank you to Keri Talucci for donating 300 items from the Sak. We will be looking for volunteers to help take down the decorations this Wednesday, January 9th at 12:30. Eileen Lin advised this is not a way for the PTA to make money, it is done to promote generosity and the spirit of giving.

The Giving Tree (Keri Talucci)

Eileen Lin thanked Keri Talucci for chairing the Giving Tree. This year's Giving Tree was dedicated to providing gifts to Kula Café in Asbury Park. Kerri Tallucci reported that 106 gifts were donated and 2 classes received 100% participation Italian Ice parties, Mrs. Callahan and Mrs. Roberts classes. Keri read a thank you note from Kula Café.

Enrichment (Eileen Lin)

Eileen Lin reported after discussions with Dr. Boccuti, the PTA is relinquishing administrative duties for the enrichment program. From now on the Tiger Den staff will be taking over the content and administration of enrichment. For all inquiries regarding enrichment please contact Mrs. Brendle or Mrs. Krebs from hereon in.

Art Gallery (Eileen Lin)

Eileen Lin reported a new chairperson is needed. Responsibilities include hanging student artwork in the hallways. Please contact us if interested.

BOE Liaison (Karen Matuch)

Eileen Lin congratulated Karen Matuch and reported she will be the new PTA/BOE Liaison. Karen Matuch reported this past Wednesday's meeting was a re-org meeting. Jim Worth was named president, Noelle Giblin will be Vice President. The biggest takeaway from the meeting was a move to change from a "board of a whole" to a "board of committees". The next BOE meeting will be January 28th at 6:30.

New Business**Library Renovation Update**

Eileen Lin asked Dr. Boccuti to give a brief update. He advised he has had several phone meetings with the architect. They will provide a virtual picture for us to choose from a few different versions. We are looking to have a media center, flexible seating, an area for primary kids, e-books along with books. This will be a joint project with funds coming from the PTA as well as the school. Diane Moran asked about timing. Dr. Boccuti advised we should be able to start this year, the PTA can start with funding and the school will be able to provide funds beginning July 1st. The budget committee meeting is in March. Cheryl Lynch asked how much money is in the school's reserves and where that money can be spent. Dr. Boccuti advised the budget is on the website. Cheryl Lynch asked about SLED's intention to potentially fund an air condition pilot program. Eileen Lin reported SLED is not sure yet where they will provide funds to the school. Dr. Boccuti advised that he is not opposed to a temporary air conditioning pilot. 2020 is when the school can look into what the architect says needs to be done to air condition the building and repair the roof, if required.

Blood Drive (Colleen Panzini)

Eileen Lin reported this year's blood drive will not take place because the company we use is no longer open. This is happening across the state.

Book Fair (Gina Lu)

This year's Book Fair will take place March 4th-8th. Gina Lu is currently working with Mrs. Krebs. More details to follow and please volunteer!

Someone Special Dance (Diane Moran and Jodi Carton)

Please save the date! March 24th, 4:00-7:00. (The mother son event date will be advised soon).

Nominating Committee (Nicole Behler)

The current PTA board is cycling off from the past 2 years and we need 2 or 3 people on the nominating committee to choose the next board. It is quick and not very involved. Please let us know if you are interested.

Old Business

The PTA would like to thank Emily Snyder and Christine Mawn for organizing the Staff Christmas cookies during the month of December. And thank you to all who provided cookies!

Gina Lu asked if the Kindergarten was the only grade that has the penguin visit. Yes, this is a mini-grant requested by Mrs. Roberts each year. Please reach out to your teacher to request a mini-grant if interested!

Dr. Boccuti's Report

- Thank you to the PTA for all you do, the month of December was great with all the cookies and decorations in the APR and it really adds to the spirit in the building.
- We are looking forward to working together on the library renovation.
- January is a busy month, we will be scheduling the annual PreK and Kindergarten open house.
- Dr. Boccuti welcomed Mrs. Matuch to her new position on the BOE. Dr. Boccuti advised he met with the new BOE President Jim Worth and suggested having an educational portion at the meeting. The biggest takeaway from the meeting was a move to change from a "board of a whole" to a "board of committees". Dr. Boccuti believes this would be a good change. The next BOE meeting will be January 28th at 6:30. There was also a move to change to only one meeting per month, the 4th Thursday of the month.

Kitchen Tour (Nicole Behler)

- This year's Kitchen Tour was a great success!
- Thank you to all the committees for everything!
- Please save the date for next year - October 19, 2019.
- We will have a wrap up meeting immediately following this meeting.

Next month's PTA meeting will be Monday, February 4th at 9:00.

Meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

Submitted by: Noelle Henry, Recording Secretary