

H.W. Mountz PTA Minutes

Monday, January 9, 2017

8:47 a.m. Call to Order

Recording Secretary's Report

Mrs. Snyder reported that the November 15, 2016 minutes have been submitted and reviewed. A MOTION was made to approve the minutes, motion seconded and APPROVED by all.

Corresponding Secretary's Report

Mrs. Mizhir reported on the following notes of thanks:

- From Mrs. Dettlinger for the staff holiday breakfast.
- From the H.W. Mountz staff for the multiple December treats brought in by PTA members.
- From Mrs. Orr for the book purchased by the PTA for her classroom library.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Marzullo reported that the Checking account balance is \$128,572.59 and the Savings account balance is \$4498.31 as of 11/8/16.

Dr. Boccuti's Report

Dr. Boccuti is presently at the Superintendent's Academy of NJ for training and is completing his third day.

Mrs. Walsifer's Report

- The school district's newly developed Strategic Plan has been accepted and is now provided on the school website.
- District testing will soon be taking place; dates provided on the school website.
- Multiple upcoming buddy activities will soon take place
 - School wide among all grades to engage in cooperative peer-building exercises.
- Teacher mini-grants are due on February 1 and the staff is working on finalizing them.
- The PTA will sponsor a staff breakfast during the upcoming professional development day on 1/16.
 - Mrs. Walsifer thanked the PTA for all of its support.
- Mrs. Walsifer informed the PTA that district money is available for student assemblies (5k), and asked the PTA for any future assembly ideas.

New Business

2017 Art Show (Ms. Foligno)

- Ms. Foligno, district art teacher, spoke to the PTA regarding the 2017 H.W. Mountz School Art Show which will take place on Thursday, April 27.
- Artome
 - Ms. Foligno presented Artome to the PTA (www.artome.com) – a service that will mat and frame all students' art work for the show, achieving a more professional look.

- A discussion took place noting that parents would be eager to purchase their child's framed work of art.
- All art work will be matted and framed for a purchase cost of \$25.
- The PTA agreed that the monies made from this should then be rolled back into the art program, rather than the money going to the PTA account.

Old Business

- The PTA thanks Emily Snyder and the Staff Appreciation committee for organizing the staff cookies during the month of November.
- The PTA thanks all of the parents who baked cookies for the Staff during December.

Committee Updates

Book Fair (Mrs. Ressa)

- The December 2016 book fair brought in \$2600 in sales; \$200 came from the "All for Books" fundraiser.
- This profit has dramatically decreased compared to years past; parent volunteerism for the event has decreased as well.
- After consulting with Mrs. Krebs, and noting multiple variables during the month of December, Mrs. Ressa recommends returning the book fair to a once/year event.
- The PTA agreed with Mrs. Ressa's recommendation and a discussion took place regarding what time of year would be most advantageous.
- It was agreed that March would be the best time of year; Mrs. Walsifer voiced her agreement.
- A suggestion was made to incorporate summer reading lists into the future March book fair.
- Thank you to Mrs. Krebs and Mrs. Ressa for all of their efforts in making the book fair a success.

Holiday Gift Fair (Mrs. Rehill)

- Mrs. Rehill reported that the 2016 holiday fair was a success and the committee remained within their budget.
- Mrs. Rehill discussed the pros and cons of whether \$500 is truly needed for the Fair to be a success.
- The committee chairs ask Mountz families for the following items to be donated for use in next year's fair: garland, trees, and ornaments. These items may be dropped off at the school for storage. An e-blast will be sent out to the district asking for these items.
- The PTA thanked Mrs. Rehill and Mrs. Lynch for running another successful holiday fair for the students.

Giving Tree

- The PTA thanked Mrs. Doyle and Mrs. Henry for their efforts in orchestrating the Mountz 2016 Giving Tree.
- Although not all of the tags were taken, the PTA purchased the needed items for the remaining seven tags.

- Mrs. Walsifer suggested integrating the 2017 giving tree with the responsive classroom theme of “giving back”, making each homeroom responsible for a tag.
- A suggestion was made by the committee chairs to assemble the tree in early November next year.

2017 Mother-Son Event (Mrs. Winn)

- Mrs. Winn requests that the event be held again at the Spring Lake Golf Club. She noted that costs will be lower this year due to a photo booth not being needed.
- Possible dates are Sundays April 9th or 30th.
- The committee looks to highlight 8th grade sons and their mothers this year.
- Mrs. Winn will coordinate with Mrs. Carton to find a date for the Someone Special Dance.
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PTA Committee Chair’s needed for 2017-18:

- *Kitchen Chair Co-chairs needed plus the following Committee chairs: website, On-line ticket sales, ad sales.

Announcements

- The PTA Board will be forming a Nominating Committee for all Board positions for the school years 2017-2019.
- The next PTA meeting will take place on Friday, 2/24.

Meeting adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

Submitted by: Emily Snyder, Recording Secretary