

MINUTES

Howe Elementary PTA 2021-2022

Date May 18, 2022 | *Meeting called to order at* 7:02 pm *by* Michele Rowland

In Attendance

| <u>In-Person Attendees</u> | |
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| | Kari Maloney |
| Michele Rowland | Sally Berri Pratt |
| Michelle Murray | Alison McKown |
| Emily Smoller | Emily Weber |
| Steve DiTommaso | |
| Aimee Danley | |
| Heather Moore | |
| Heather Hathy | |

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the March meeting were reviewed and approved. A motion to approve minutes was made by Steve DiTommaso and seconded by Heather Hathy. All present voted in favor. APPROVED

PTA Officers Reports

Treasurer's Report – Steve DiTommaso

- Balance Update for February
 - First National Bank (FNB) – ending March balance was \$17,070
 - April
 - Deposit of \$0.27 interest
 - 5 checks in April: paid Meadowcroft field trip (\$810), Jamestown (\$150), staff breakfast reimbursement (\$98), administrative costs (\$819)
 - Balance was \$15,193 at end of April
 - May
 - Read-a-thon deposit (\$5331)
 - \$19,895 final balance
 - ~\$5000 outstanding items that will need to be paid, but this is a significant balance due to increased revenue from the Sunny Funny Fair and Read-a-thon and reduced spending
 - PayPal had no activity and balance remains at \$0
- New Funding Requests
 - Increase in hospitality budget of \$250

- A motion to approve an increase in the hospitality budget by \$250 was made by Dr. Murray and seconded by Emily Smoller. All present voted in favor. *APPROVED*
- Cost for Rita's for field day was over budget by \$200
 - A motion to approve the \$200 overage for Rita's was made by Steve DiTomasso and seconded by Sally Berri Pratt. All present voted in favor. *APPROVED*

VP Report – Dr. Murray

- Teacher Appreciation month has been really nice! Thanks for the fabulous luncheon, and the taco bar was a big hit as well.
- So much is happening: 5th grade trip to Camp Guyasuta, where the kids had a fabulous day; kindergarten orientation, kindergarten screening, open house, MAP acceleration testing, 2nd grade landmark projects, 5th grade antiques roadshow, popsicles on the playground (for kindergarten am and pm kids), 3rd grade egg drop, yearbook distribution (which look great!). Next week is just as nuts, 5th grade shipbuilding, kickball tournament, 5th pool party, 3rd grade zoo trip, 4th grade talking wax museum, band concert, 4th grade trip to PNC park and Heinz History Center
- 5 framed student art pieces will be added to the growing art collection around the school
- Excited for family reading night

President Report – Michele

- Committee Updates
 - Consider volunteering for 22-23!!!! Indicate interest on this google form: <https://forms.gle/zTPC1dyMNA8sWoku9>
- Thank you!
 - Dr. Murray for constant advisement.
 - Executive board, committee heads have been amazing: SFF was incredible, Howe's About a Gift, Read-a-thon, Hospitality, Steve has been amazing on the budget.
- Thank you to volunteers who have their last kid moving on to Mellon:
 - Maureen Anderson, thank you for 5th grade committee volunteering
 - Amber Britton, coporate rewards and box tops
 - Laurie cerci, hospitality committee chair
 - Christy Consentino, long time volunteer and homeroom parent
 - Chrissy daube, homeroom parent
 - Joyce Divine, president, historian, lunch bunch committee chair
 - Amos Glenn, science fair chair
 - Shayna Slaybaugh, membership committee chair
 - Emily weber, VP, Howes Got Talent chair
- Thank you to Dr. Murray
 - Showed every day how important Howe families and children were to you. The teachers and staff also have expressed how sad they will be to see you go. You have been so committed to the PTA, offering advice, leadership, and support to the children and this community. You truly embody what it means to be goosey.
 - The PTA has donated \$750 to the Mt. Lebanon Foundation for Education (MLFE) in your honor
- Dr. Murray replied that she is thankful for the supportive parents, thank you for trusting your kids in her care, and that it's truly been an honor.

Chair Reports/Recent Activities

Scholastic Book Fair

- Smaller version during Family Reading Night, but happy it's back
- There won't be a Buy One Get One
- Volunteers needed!

Spirit Center

- A great success!
- Students were so happy to shop and 5th graders were eager to work in the store.

Yearbook

- Will be distributed Friday
- Limited number (N=15) up for grabs

5th Grade Report

- Pool party is the May 31
- There was a discussion of if there was a tradition to get an additional gift for 5th grade teachers using PTA funds. The consensus was that there was not a tradition for this.

Unfinished Business

n/a

New Business

- Getting together an audit committee over the summer
 - Amy Grella, Tim Kellner, and Joyce Divine were on this last year
 - Emily weber volunteered to be part of it
- Michele will leave standing rules (more casual than bylaws) with Amy Grella. These will need review and in the past Denis has done this.

Announcements

- 05.25.22 – Family Reading Night
- 05.27.22 – Noon dismissal
- 05.30.22 – No School
- 05.31.22 – Field Day
- 06.02.22 – Clap Out/Last Day of School

Heather Hathy thanked Michele Rowland for being a fantastic president! She was grateful for how Michele carries herself with empathy and shows decisiveness when needed.

Emily Weber asked how to pass on info to next committee chairs. A google form somewhere is available somewhere.

Next Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 pm.