

**Howe PTA**  
**October Meeting Minutes**  
**October 21<sup>st</sup> 7:00 PM**

Call to order: 7:06 PM

Approval of Minutes: September minutes approved

**Treasurer's Report**

Ending balance is as follows:

- As of 8/31/15 \$15,709.76
- As of 9/30/15 \$22,686.44

**Correspondence:**

Thank you notes

**Exec Board/Principal's Report from Dr. Murray:**

- Thank you to all parents for SFF
- Thank you to all parents/teachers who volunteered for the Read-A-Thon. Howe students read approx. 196,000 minutes! Jefferson beat us by a few minutes.
- A consultant came in to do a site check for the new ABA (Applied Behavior Analysis) classroom and they were blown away by the progress this program has achieved. Larry Lebowitz (school board pres.) came for a visit and was very impressed with the ABA classroom; very complimentary.
- New district web site to roll out Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>. More user-friendly.
- Veterans Day Celebration to be held Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> to recognize veterans. Parents, friends, family members are invited. PTA will host refreshments and provide a yellow rose to each veteran in attendance.

**Teacher Representative:** none

**Committee Reports:**

Matt Kollar – Website/Technology:

- Asked about updating website. If anything needs updated, let him know.

Book Fair; Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>

- Veterans Day assembly is Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 to 3:30. Extra volunteers needed for set-up on 11/10
- Sign up genius will be available this week.
- Proceeds benefit school

Family Fun Night: Nov. 6, 7p

- Inside Out will be shown, snacks provided

Environmental Concerns:

Extra recycling bins needed for collecting Capril Suns and Go Go Squeezes. Nikki will check on where the bins go.

**New Business:**

1. Spanish teachers requested vinyl cushions – 2 sets \$145.00

1<sup>st</sup> motion Arwen

2<sup>nd</sup> motion Stephanie

Motion approved

2. Request from Laurie Watkins for a classroom easel - \$280.00

1<sup>st</sup> motion – Arwen

2<sup>nd</sup> motion – Emily

Motion approved

3. Mrs. Hughes requested I Survived the Joplin Tornado 2011, approx. \$175.00. 80 books for about \$240.00.

1<sup>st</sup> motion Arwen

2<sup>nd</sup> motion Matt Kollar

Motion approved

4. Nominating Committee needs 3 members. Committee will contact current PTA board to see if they are staying. President and Vice President positions are open.

5. Deb Carter spoke about her daughter who left school at 2p. Police came and teachers immobilized to search for her. Teachers reviewed with students what to do when they are scared in school.

6. Art to Remember: Are we paying taxes this year? Nikki will look into it. Funds will be used to update kindergarten playground. We keep 34% of the funds. Has to be a school endeavor not just PTA.

7. Brain Show: Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> at 7p. Trivia gameshow put on by school district and PTA. Mr. K. Mrs. Predabon, Mrs. Rindell, Mrs. Jenes and Mrs. Ryan will represent Howe. MLFE (Mt. Lebo Foundation for Education) will receive proceeds this year.

Next PTA meeting: Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> 9:15 am

Meeting Adjourned: 7:45 PM