

Howe PTA
October Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2016

Call to order: 9:16 A.M.

Approval of Minutes: September 2016 minutes approved

Treasurer's Report

Ending balance is as follows:

- As of 7/1/2016 \$12,944.01
- As of 8/31/2016 \$18,595.96

\$1,600 carried over from last year.

Correspondence: none

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

- The 41st Sunny Funny Fair (SFF) was a success. PTA is recruiting chairs to replace those individuals who will not be returning next year. It was suggested to do an informational meeting for those interested in being a SFF chair. Past chairs would attend to answer questions and hopefully recruit new chairs.
- Read-A-Thon is starting October 14th. On Thursday, October 20th Mr. K will do his annual campout. He will read stories Thursday at 6 PM, and at 8AM on Sat.
- Halloween parade is October 31st at 9am for kindergartners. 2:30p parade for rest of school. Halloween parties will start at approx. 2:45p.
- Picture retake day is Thursday, October 13th.
- Dare to Dream will take place Thursday, October 20th, 7PM at the Mt. Lebanon High School Center Court. Dare to Dream is a program that explores new ways of enhancing Mt. Lebanon's elementary school libraries. CMU speaker, the Dean of Libraries will speak at the event.

Committee Reports:

- **Membership Directory: Heather Johnston:** List to date is complete. Directory will be going to print very soon. Dr. Murray requested a list of staff PTA members.
- **Email Blasts: Joyce Divine:** Email all information for newsletter to Joyce the Friday before each newsletter.
- **Website: Jamie Gaglione:** Website is up-to-date. Requested more info regarding Read-A-Thon. Jamie requested information be sent to her earlier because it takes time to upload on the website.
- **Lunch Clubs: Joyce Divine:** We need to start thinking about lunch clubs soon and excess will be inside. Shelly Zeunert volunteered to procure supplies.
- **Odyssey of the Mind: Leah Haywiser:** There are 5 teams this year. Allison suggested putting something in the newsletter recruiting a few more students.
- **Sunny Funny Fair: Amy McFarland/Allison Schlesinger:** This year was a success; one of the top five years. Several chairs will not be returning next year: Prizes, Raffle, Friendly Fathers, and the 2 main SFF chairs.
- **Read-A-Thon:** Other elementary schools are not participating this year. Competition this year is will be with other Howe students. Kickoff is this Friday, October 14th.
- **Book Fair: Heather Chew/Rebecca Church:** Book Fair is November 16th/ 17th and the theme is Pirates.
 - Highest grade level will get extra money from Scholastic dollars.
 - We received over 200 books from the flyers and orders from home.
 - Classrooms benefit with free books Howe earns from the Book Fair.

New Business:

- Request from 5th grade teacher Emily Rindels to purchase lunch baskets for students to put their lunch in. Baskets cost \$15 - \$20 each.
1st/2nd motion: Motion approved.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:45 A.M.

