

Howe PTA Meeting Minutes

10-10-17

- Meeting called to order: 9:22am
- September 2017 Minutes Approved: Minutes Stand – no changes

PTA Officer's Reports:

- Treasurer's Report: Jamie Gaglione
 - Jamie has resigned from the Treasurer position – open position to be advertised
 - Balance Update:
 - Sunny Funny Fair around \$7800
 - Overall budget is around \$12,000
 - New Funding Request:
 - Mrs. Munson – 1st Grade Map books by Scholastic for \$325 - already budgeted for all teachers to receive funding for \$250/grade level –
 - Would like to purchase for \$325 (benefits all 1st grade students) - Approved
 - Dr. Murray– lunchroom changes did not work out so reverting back to 2 lunch periods due to safety on the playground - one teacher suggested a Yacker Tracker visual reminder on noise level for the lunchroom tone.
 - Would like to purchase for around \$116 – Approved.

- Request for parent volunteers to sort the items that have been donated – a few hours a week would be much appreciated – will be posted in the newsletter.
 - Read-A-Thon-
 - Online tracking system – no longer need to count tickets – more interactive and posting of comments/chat feature - Mrs. Miller has vouched for the program.
 - Reward system will be changed so that the competition does not get out of control – grade level rewards only for example an extra recess. Goal: 100% participation in all grades.
 - Mr. Kukic will do the camp out on 10/26 and morning after as well this year.
 - Suggestion of prize levels for all children.
- President’s Report: Joyce Divine (unable to attend)
 - Received a thank-you note from Mt. Lebanon Public Library for donation – made in September instead of October this year due to a matching from a foundation.
 - Need to start thinking about nominating committee (need 3 people) for next year.
 - President, VP, Historian will need to be voted on.
- Chair Reports:
 - Suggestion for all chairs – documentation of duties/responsibilities which can help new folks moving forward
 - Sunny Funny Fair: Mike Divine/Amos Glenn
 - Suggestion of sending home flyers with kids to ask for volunteers.

- Lessons learned moving forward.
 - Read-A-Thon: Jen Laurence and Carla Clipper
 - See above
 - Membership/Directory: Michele Rowland
 - The last round has had more teachers – Dr. Murray wants 100% participation from the teachers.
 - Will look into the online directory once the directory has been completed.
 - Suggestion of only having one form – causing confusion.
 - Odyssey of the Mind: Leah Haywiser
 - Might have at least 3 teams this year.
 - Call out for teams and coaches in the newsletter.
- Unfinished Business: None
 - New Business:
 - SpiritWear – suggestion that the 5th grade shirts be a competition for the design so the committee will check with 5th grade committee. Offering a onesie this year.
 - Announcements: Resignation of Jamie Gaglione – call out for a replacement of the position.
 - Meeting Adjourned: 10:10am
 - Next Meeting: 11/8/17 @ 7:00pm