

Howe PTA
September Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2016

Call to order: 7:00 PM

Approval of Minutes: May 2016 minutes approved

Treasurer's Report

Ending balance is as follows:

- As of 6/30/2016 \$15, 141.06
- As of 7/1/2016 \$12,944.01

- PTA Budget was reviewed; we will increase the budget by \$90.00 (Back-to-school coffee increased by \$30, Fall Lunch increased \$40 and Kindergarten Coffee increased by \$20).
- *1st/2nd motion to revise budget. Motion approved.*

- Accounting software is outdated and is no longer supported by the company. Nikki is proposing to purchase new Quicken software for approx. \$250.
- *1st/2nd motion to update accounting software. Motion approved.*

- There was a request to fund another Josh and Gab assembly this year. Josh and Gab are a musical comedy duo whose school programs target anti-bullying. Cost is approx. \$600.
- *1st/2nd motion for Josh and Gab assembly. Motion approved.*

- Heather Baker will not be returning this year as Corresponding Secretary. Trisha Kinderman will replace Heather in this position.

Correspondence:

- Emily read thank you note from Amy Owens-Koysh. The PTA made a contribution to COPD in honor of her parents passing last spring.

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

- Mrs. Predabon had a baby boy last August.
- 5 pieces of student art are selected at the end of every school year and are displayed around the school. Dr. Murray thanked us for continuing this

- tradition at Howe.
- Over the summer the district purchased 6 new chrome books for kids to use.
 - Dr. Murray wants feedback (positive or negative) from Meet and Greet.
 - Field Day and Act 80 are on the same day. Dr. Murray will look into it.

Committee Reports:

- **Discounted School Supplies: Tara Bell:** We sold 142 packages this year. Office Depot is discontinuing the program next year due to low profits.
- **Membership Directory: Heather Johnston:** By the end of the month the directory will be finalized and printed. She suggested offering parents an option for an online directory versus a paper version.
- **Hospitality: Carla Clipper/Jen Larence:** Back to School luncheon, Coffee and Kleenex and Back to School Coffee were a success.
- **Email Blasts: Joyce Divine:** Howe Newsletter. Send info for newsletter to Joyce.
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- **Website: Jamie Gaglione.** Met with Matt Kollar last week to review responsibilities. Emily will send her the meeting minutes from last year to post on the PTA website.
- **Homeroom Coordinators: Michelle Orelli/ Cristin Higgins:** All HR coordinator positions have been filled. The most recent newsletter posted a list of each homeroom's coordinator.
- **Odessey of the Mind: Leah Haywiser:** This is an after school program where kids work together as a group to solve a problem and come up with a solution. Kids meet at a coach's house. Children in kindergarten thru college may participate. There is also a separate kindergarten– 2nd grade group.
- **Sunny Funny Fair: Amy McFarland/Allison Schlesinger:** Planning is going well. Some chairs are not returning after this year: Pete Bouvy – Friendly Fathers, Tara Bell – Prizes, Jody Cowher – Games.
- Shelly Zeunert is the raffle chair and is looking for basket items (i.e., gift certificates, free classes).
- Please sign up to volunteer or donate a cake for the Cake Walk.

- **Carla Clipper: Facebook chair:** Send her any updates for the Howe FB page.

New Business:

None

Meeting Adjourned: 7:54 P.M.