

Hunters Woods Elementary School PTA Meeting Minutes

SEPTEMBER 23, 2010

The Hunters Woods PTA meeting was held on September 23, 2010 in the Hunters Woods Elementary School Library. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by PTA President Jennifer Arakelian.

CORRESPONDENCE

We received a thank you card from Mrs. Standiford for her new teacher welcome gift cards.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Jennifer Arakelian

President Arakelian welcomed everyone and the Executive Board introduced themselves.

- **Thank You's:**

President Arakelian thanked Executive, Fundraising and Communication Committees for getting the year off to a great start. Specifically- Susan Sather for getting us off to a fantastic Fundraising start, Kate Castro for Open House, Kathy Gustafson for Teacher Welcome Back Luncheon, Marina Matthes (and helpers) for the Tuesday Folder Stuffing, Kathy Calloway for a great effort on After School, Stephanie Carmondy for FLEX, Sridevi Settipalli for Calendar, Debbie Anguizola for Magnets/Tattoos, Kelly Horton Geer for the PTA website, Cynthia Cook for Hunters Horn, Kelly Rowell for Apparel and Marina Matthes for the 1st Tuesday Folder Stuffing.

And since school has started: Colleen Line for O&O – paperless Tuesday Folders, Maria Wojciechowshi and Shashi Ravishankar for Chalk for Peace, Jo Wechelblatt for Membership, Rasha Bawab for Thank You's , Alexis Shield for her Volunteer coordination efforts, Kelly Rowell for Event Planning, Trellis Evans, Pam Light, Kelly Rowell and Susan Sather for Sock Hop, Karen Browning for Tuesday Folders, Karen Montagne for Community Outreach, Sandy Angel for Grocery Receipts, Sridevi Settipalli for Reflections, Paige Baldwin for Yearbook, and Kirti Purohit for chairing the Fall Harvest Festival.

- **Welcome:**

President Arakelian welcomed four teachers to our Executive Board – Nicole Zilberfarb (Special Ed), Rachel Negri (Outdoor Beautification), Andrew Loftus (Cultural Arts) and Norma Morris (Yearbook).

- **Membership:**

Our membership drive has been very successful with a whopping 467 members signing up in the last four weeks, since Open House. President Arakelian thanked Susan Sather for charging our fundraising efforts and raising over \$23,000.

- **Proposed Legislation Program for 2010**

Ballots for the VAPTA were distributed to all PTA members along with the new membership cards. Members were encouraged to read and vote on these important Legislative initiatives (bike safety, expanding gang-free zones, charter schools, gun safety, Safe Routes to School Program).

- **Legislative Chair**

A volunteer is needed to attend the FCCPTA meeting, next week, with Dr. Dale. Sept. 28th from 7-9. There are eight parent advisory/FCCPTA meetings.

- **Convention – November 5-7**

Anyone interested in a leadership role with the PTA is encouraged to attend the PTA State Convention in Richmond.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Olivia Toatley

Principal Toatley thanked the PTA for the staff breakfast and luncheon.

Hunters Woods welcomes 1031 students this year. The school year got off to a great start with a successful Open House.

We look forward to Back to School Night on the 28th and 29th, as well as the Newcomer's Coffee and Volunteer Fair. Thanks to everyone for their support.

Principal Toatley welcomed the Assistant Principals: Avis Russell and Jason Skerker.

Mrs. Norma Delgado, Assistant Building Supervisor will be leaving for a position at Forestville Elementary.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Doug Kaspar

The audit report is posted online. There are new controls in place.

The budget was presented and discussed. The Treasurer will make recognized corrections.

This year, the PTA will spend down its sizeable cash reserve, with a projected ending cash reserve of \$14,971.

A motion to pass the proposed budget was made by Deborah Lannen. Susan Sather seconded the motion. The budget passed with a vote of 29 yes, 0 no, and 1 abstention.

There has been a procedural revision to the deposit policy. Please see policy online.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fundraising

Susan Sather

Mustang pride campaign was very successful. \$23,000 has been raised so far, compared to \$12,000 from Sally Foster and the Auction last year.

Mustang Pride "Friends and Family" and Business Membership were discussed.

We will still continue to sell apparel and Original Works at cost.

We will be adding an extra fun night this year, Movie Night.

More support is needed on the Fundraising Committee, and a meeting will be scheduled in the coming weeks to plan for Business Memberships.

Saturday School

Kathy Fredgren

A warm thanks to the PTA for funding provided to the Saturday School for the Arts and Sciences. Last year 38 kids were supported; this year 40 will be invited.

Saturday morning volunteers are needed. See upcoming Volunteer Bulletin for details.

Community Outreach

Karen Montagne

The coat drive will be October 18-22. Coats and winter gear will go to kids at our school and Reston Interfaith.

Oldest and Only

Colleen Line

Oldest and Only is a program to reduce the amount of paper used in the Tuesday folders. For families with more than one child at HWES, only one copy of fliers will be sent home.

Opt-in Paperless Tuesday Folders - Flyers would be sent in soft copy to the person who can post them. They are placed as a file/page on our website. There is a link to Tuesday Folder Flyers Page on the main page. There is a Tuesday Folder page which lists links including date sent home and flyer title. Then, each Tuesday, an email goes out which lists each flyer with a brief description and a link to the actual flyer.

Chalk for Peace

Shashi Ravishankar

Will take place Saturday 9/25. Kids use peace as inspiration for sidewalk chalk art.

Sock Hop

Susan Sather

The sock hop will be a Decade Dance. It will take place on Friday October 8th, from 6:30-9:00. Snacks and drinks are included in \$5 admission fee per person. Mustang Pride members get in free.

Reflections

Sridevi Settipadi

Contest sponsored by the PTA covering six areas of the arts expression. The theme this year is: "Together We Can."

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bulletin Board

Kelly Rowell

The bulletin board arrived damaged and we are working with the manufacturer to have it repaired/replaced.

NEW BUSINESS

Mini Grant

Jennifer Arakelian

The 4th grade team requested a mini grant of \$750 for science consumables, electric kettles, and Colonial Day food.

Marina Matthes made a motion to approve the science portion (\$350) and table the remaining \$400 until we find out more about the Colonial Day requirements. Colleen Line seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Chalk for Peace – Sept. 25 (10-1pm)
- Back to School Nights – Sept. 28 (K-3), Sept. 29 (4-6)
- Volunteer Fair – 5:30 -7:00 pm
- Newcomer’s Coffee with Mrs. Toatley – 6:00pm
- Meet with Teachers – 7:00pm
- Crossing Guard & Bus Driver Appreciation Week – Oct. 4-Oct. 8
- Sock Hop – Oct. 8
- Cafeteria & Custodial Appreciation Week – Oct. 11-Oct. 15
- PTA Coat Drive – Oct. 18-22
- PTA Meeting – Oct. 21 at 7pm.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Debbie Anguizola, Recording Secretary

The minutes were

_____ approved as written
_____ approved as corrected

Date:_____