

Hunters Woods PTA Meeting
August 27, 2009

The summer meeting of the Hunters Woods PTA was held on August 27, 2009 at the Hunters Woods Elementary School Library. The meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm by PTA President Susan Sather.

CORRESPONDENCE

none

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Susan Sather

Planning for the 2009-2010 school year is underway. This year we are using Google calendar and a magnetic calendar in place of our paper calendar.

We have two openings on the Executive Committee – Vice President of Events and Vice President of Fundraising.

The Budget Meeting will be held next week. Any requests for changes from last year's line item amounts should be sent to Pam at treasurer@hwpta.org.

We are using VolunteerSpot to help manage volunteer signups for events this year. Links to sign up to volunteer will be on the website.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Pam DeLillio

The books are currently closed. The books will be re-opened after audit this month and then budget vote at September 17th PTA Meeting.

3 person audit committee needed one night next week 35-45 minutes.

We need 1 or 2 people for to serve on the audit committee. We will meet one night next week for 35 – 35 minutes.

The 2009-2010 Budget will be posted on PTA website once finalized by the Executive Committee.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Olivia Toatley

This summer has been busy at the school. We have hosted Summer SACC, camps for children and adults, and a jump start program.

SOL scores remain at highest levels, and the school is fully accredited. Gaps remain in subgroups.

Saturday Academy and early morning programs are in place for 2009-2010.

We are currently looking for one more 4th grade teacher. We will have two new teachers this year, one is an early hire. Current enrollment is 1020 students. We have slightly larger classrooms due to the increase in student:teacher ratio.

County-wide changes for this year include the renaming of the Clinic to the Health Room and the ability to opt out of Family Life Education (FLE) on-line.

Our teachers are parents' first resource, however Mrs. Toatley is always available to speak with parents.

PRESIDENT ELECT'S REPORT

Jennifer Arakelian

Jennifer has been working to redo some of the PTA's forms, giving them a standard look and feel. She is also continuing work begun last year on a procedures manual.

We are looking for volunteers to help at the Open House next week. We have broken out into ½ hour shifts; you can sign up on the VolunteerSpot site (there is a link on our website).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Teacher Breakfast

Laurel Maestas

The Teacher Breakfast welcomes our teachers to the new school year. It will be held their first work day, Monday, August 31st, at 8:00 a.m. Set-up will be Sunday afternoon beginning at 1:30 p.m. Thanks to Pattie Ono for making tablecloths to dress up the cafeteria.

Food drop off begins at 7:30 a.m.; we will have volunteers at the Kiss & Ride to collect donations.

Open House

Susan Sather

The Open House is Thursday, September 3rd, at 4:30 p.m. Students and parents can come meet their new teachers. School Supply kits ordered last Spring will be distributed from the Black Box Theater beginning at 5:00 p.m.

First Tuesday Folders

Susan Sather

Susan is doing an inventory of items for folders next week to make sure we have enough; there will be copying needed during the week, contact Susan if you can come in for an hour or two. There will be a folder in the front office with originals and number of copies needed.

On Friday, September 4th, at 10:30 a.m., we will be collating and stuffing folders. Please come help, children are welcome. The more people we have, the faster it will go.

After School Activities

Kelly Rowell

The Fall Catalog is out for approval and printing and will go home in the first Tuesday folder.

We are looking for someone, or a team, to volunteer to co-chair this program next year.

Chalk4Peace/Sno Cone Social

Anita Damron

Chalk4Peace is a free family event on Saturday, September 26th, from 9:00 a.m. – Noon. CHALK4PEACE is a creative presentation for artists of all ages utilizing the theme of Peace. Students will participate in activities in Art classes during the week, and families are invited to admire and create Chalk4Peace art at locations around the school.

Sno cones will be available for purchase for \$1 from 10:00 a.m. – Noon. We need volunteers to help make Sno-Cones.

Yearbook

Jennifer Davis-Heffner

Last year's yearbook presales worked out great.

We broke even and expect to do the same this year.

We are in need of a co-chair for this year. Co-chair needs to come on Tuesday afternoons to work with the 5th and 6th grade students who staff the yearbook. We have about 5 returning from last year. The students do all the editing. We are adding 4th grade learning cottage photographers this year.

Fall Harvest Festival**Jennifer Davis-Heffner & Kelly Kroll**

We are in need of about 80 volunteers for games, cotton candy, popcorn, etc. We are also in need of a Games Co-Chair. We need a Raffle Chair; the letter is prepared to go out, we just need someone to do the processing. It is a behind-the-scenes job.

We will need new co-chairs for next year. It would be great if we could identify them now and have them shadow Jennifer & Kelly this year.

Volunteers can sign up for 1 ½ hour shifts. Students are welcome to volunteer and can earn community service hours. Volunteers may sign up on the VolunteerSpot site (a link is available on our website) or via paper.

Sally Foster**Chrissy Tobias**

Sally Foster packets will go home the second week of school in Tuesday folders. We will be looking for volunteers to assemble packets, collate orders, and prepare orders for distribution. Orders will be distributed during conferences in November.

Directory**Jeri Thomas**

The directory will be included in PTA membership. Additional copies and copies to non-PTA members will be available for purchase for \$5.

We need volunteers to help bind the directories once they have been prepared and copied.

Grocery Store Programs**Ann Kuhlkin**

We plan to have laptops available at the Open House and Back to School nights for people to sign up for these programs. Volunteers are needed to provide guidance at the computers.

Three For Me**Deb Kaspar**

The recognition program worked well last year; students loved seeing their parents' names on the wall at school. We will need additional volunteer support to do the die-cuts again this year. All committee chairs are automatically added to the Three For Me program. This year we are using the honor system (based on pledge form) to recognize volunteers instead of tracking hours.

Apparel**Susan Sather**

We need a new chair for the Apparel program. We currently have two boxes of assorted items in the PTA Office. We will have these items available for sale at the Open House and accept orders for additional items.

Volunteer Fair**Marina Matthes**

The Volunteer Fair is Wednesday, September 23rd, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Thursday, September 24th, from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. All committees should have a representative at the fair. If no representative is available, please provide information about your event and where volunteers are needed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 17th, 7:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

UPCOMING CALENDAR DATES

Monday, August 31st, 8:00 AM	Teacher Welcome Breakfast
Thursday, September 3rd, 4:30 PM	Community Open House
Friday, September 4th, 10:30 AM	First Tuesday Folder Assembly
Tuesday, September 8th, 8:35 AM	First Day of School
Tuesday, September 15th, 6:00 PM	Newcomer's Coffee
Tuesday, September 15th, 7:00 PM	Back To School Night, Grades K-3
Wednesday, September 16th, 6:00 PM	Newcomer's Coffee
Wednesday, September 16th, 7:00 PM	Back To School Night, Grades 4-6
Thursday, September 17th, 7:00 PM	PTA Meeting
Wednesday, September 23rd, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Volunteer Fair (Evening Hours)
Thursday, September 24th, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Volunteer Fair (day hours)
Saturday, September 26th, 9:00 AM – Noon	Chalk4Peace/Sno-Cone Social
Saturday, October 3rd, 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Fall Harvest Festival

Kelly Rowell, Recording Secretary

The minutes were:

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Date: _____