

**Hunters Woods Elementary School PTA  
Meeting Minutes**

**November 16, 2011**

The Hunters Woods PTA meeting was held on November 16, 2011 at the Hunters Woods Elementary School. The meeting was called to order at 7:25 by the PTA President Jennifer Arakelian.

A motion was raised to pass the October 2011 PTA meeting minutes. The motion was seconded. The minutes were passed unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**Jennifer Arakelian**

- **THANK YOU'S**

President Arakelian wanted to thank the volunteers associated with the following people and committees:

Picture Day - Marina Matthes

Fall Harvest Festival Committee – Susan Sather

School Directory – Jeri Thomas & Melissa Benett

Candy Buy Back Program – Rasha Bawab

Original Works – Jo Wechselblatt

Book Fair Committee – Eleanor Weis, Melissa Benett, Jo Wechselblatt, & Heather Whitman

South Lakes Homecoming Parade – Julia Sullivan

Box Tops – Nancy Mamros

Grossing Guard & Bus Drivers Appreciation Week – Megan Maslouhi

Cafeteria & Custodial Staff Appreciation Week – Tami Holston

- Karen Mohindra has resigned as chair of the After School Program. Kelly Rowell has stepped up to temporary new chairperson.
- Jan Natajara and Susan Sather attended the VA PTA Convention and had a good experience.
  - ✓ Jan Natajara will provide a summary to Hunters Horn
  - ✓ Jan mentioned that they attended 2 workshops and met 150-200 people at convention.
  - ✓ Jan indicated that HW PTA major barriers are: language and child care.
- We contributed 113 lbs. of candy and Dr. Tisseront donated \$226 to the Children's National Medical Center from HW. We also donated 115 lbs. of candy for Operation Smile with Dr. Kelentar's office.
- School directories have arrived. All PTA members will receive their copy on Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Anyone who would like to purchase a copy can do so for \$5 or become a PTA member and get one for free.
- The PTA wondered if teachers and front office staff would like to receive Enews. Ms. Toatley is planning on discussing with teachers in the next staff meeting to see if there is interest.
- Susan Rather asked if we would be willing to donate our binding machine to the South Lakes HS Choral Group. The HW PTA approved donation.

- Artist-in-Residence needs \$2000 for mounting finished artwork outside of school. Discussion of proceeds from basketball fundraiser to support the cost. Jeri Thomas motions to grant \$2000 to Art-in-Residence with proceeds from basketball fundraiser. The motion was seconded by Amy Guerber. The grant was passed unanimously.

#### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

**Mrs. Toatley**

- Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Toatley attended a breakfast at the Hyatt where HW received a \$1000 grant from Wells Fargo. HW Wells Fargo nominated our school. Wells Fargo gave out (42) \$1000 checks. Grant money to help with the mounting of the Art-in-Residence project. A suggestion was made to make a Wells Fargo tile to place near the artwork.
- Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> HW had 8 visitors from Taiwan. These visitors went to 3 separate schools in Fairfax county. They wanted to hear about our magnet program and how we manage our diverse community. Our student council led the tour. HW signed an agreement to be sister school with the school in Taiwan.
- The interview process for the new AP is complete. There are 2 finalists. The 2 finalists must be interviewed by the cluster. The new AP is start is approx. 2 weeks.
- A lice letter was sent out. There is not an epidemic, just a few cases.
- Friday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> is Colonial Day & Thanksgiving Luncheon.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

**Doug Kaspar**

- As of 10/31/11, the PTA checking balance is \$30,538.34. The PTA savings balance is \$10,055.13. Total balance is \$40,593.47. A report was handed out.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **Esceipts Online Shopping**

**Jennifer Arakelian**

- Decision was made to add the script Online Mall Link to our website. Our group will be able to click on the link...shop and make purchases...then the PTA will receive a percentage of the sale. There are over 1,000 merchants to choose from and you can earn up to 16% on your purchases.
- Cynthia Cook will provide a flyer. Colleen Line will out in the Enews. AmyBeth will add link to PTA website.

##### **Winter Wonderland Dance**

**Debbie Anguizola**

- Meeting Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> to discuss details of the dance.
- Go to Sign Up Genius to volunteer.
- Mrs. Toatley suggested an artificial tree "Tree of Warmth" to be put up. People donate "new" hats, gloves, scarves, etc. to place on tree to be donated to families that need items. An idea to raffle off the Giving Tree book to anyone who brought a donation item.

##### **Membership/Original Works**

**Jo Wechselblatt**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Membership flyer coming out soon.

##### **Play**

- Flyers went out for the play lottery last week. Interested parties need to submit the forms back by Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>. Kids that are selected for the cast will be notified by Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Parent Seminars**

**Amy Guerber**

- 60+ parents attended the Homework Strategy seminar. She would like to bring back the speaker as there was not enough time to cover everything. The speaker donated 15% of her sales at the seminar back to the school. She is also offering free 20 consultations to parents.
- Next seminar with contain a speaker on Nutrition.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Mini-Grant Applications**

**Melissa Benett**

- Ms. Downs (4<sup>th</sup> Grade) requested \$150 to be spent on supplies devoted to activities and stations focusing on colonial life that the entire 4<sup>th</sup> grade will be participating in. Alexis Shield motioned to grant the money to Ms. Downs. The motion was seconded by Debbie Anguizola. Grant was passed unanimously.
- Ms. Ahn and Ms. Negri requested \$500 to be spent on materials and ingredients to support our Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics in-class mini projects and experiments for grades K-6. Debbie Anguizola motioned to grant money to Ms. Ahn and Ms. Negri. The motion was seconded by Sandy. Grant was passed unanimously.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Book Fair	Nov. 14 – 18
Thanksgiving Luncheon	Nov. 18
Colonial Day – 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Nov. 18
Wed. 2 hr. Early Release	Nov. 23
Thanksgiving Break	Nov. 24 – 25
Winter Wonderland Dance	Dec. 2
Fall Picture Day – Makeup	Dec. 7
Choral Concert	Dec. 13
Band Concert	Dec. 14
Strings Concert	Dec. 15
Sweet Shoppe	Dec. 16
Class Parties	Dec. 22
Winter Break	Dec. 23 – Jan. 2
Back to School	Jan. 3

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:29pm.

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Melissa Benett, Recording Secretary

The minutes were

- \_\_\_\_\_ approved as written
- \_\_\_\_\_ approved as corrected
- Date: \_\_\_\_\_