

**Hunters Woods Elementary School PTA
Meeting Minutes**

October 26, 2011

The Hunters Woods PTA meeting was held on October 26, 2011 at the Hunters Woods Elementary School. The meeting was called to order at 7:15pm by the PTA President Jennifer Arakelian.

A motion was raised to pass the September 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:

Crossing Guard & Bus Driver Appreciation Week chair – Megan Maslouhi

Cafeteria & Custodial Staff Appreciation Week chair – Tami Holsten

Fall Harvest Committee Chair – Susan Sather

Standing Rules co-chair – Kelly Rowell

Parent Education Committee – Amy Guerber & Sandy Angel

Candy Buy Back Program chair – Rasha Bawab

Paperless Tuesday Folders and O&O chair – Colleen Line

Website work & redesign – AmyBeth Kramer

Original Works chair & Membership chair – Jo Wechselblatt

Grocery Receipts chair – Cynthia Cook

Box Tops Contest – Nancy Mamros

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

South Lakes Homecoming Parade chair – Julia Sullivan

- President Arakelian mentioned that a Susan Rather and Jan Natarajan have registered for the VA PTA Convention. Jan is seeking a replacement.

PRESIDENT ELECT REPORT

Karen Montagne (not present)

- President Arakelian mentioned that Karen still needs 2 people for the By-Law Committee.
- We had 151 HWES PTA votes for the Proposed Legislation Program for 2011.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs. Toatley

- Current enrollment is approx. 1,042 students.
- Thank you for attending the Homework Strategy Seminar.
- 1st quarter is about over.
- Parent conferences coming soon. Come prepared with questions to ask the teacher. Ask for another conference if your questions asked were not clearly answered.
- Thanksgiving lunch and Fall Harvest Festival coming soon.
- Classes remain big county wide. 30-32 students per class.

- Teachers working hard to differentiate learning.
- Parents please slow down in the Kiss & Ride loop and around the school.
 - ✓ Parent asked for Kiss & Ride guidelines
 - ✓ Police will be asked to come back later in the school year for a reminder of traffic rules

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fall Harvest Festival

Susan Rather

- Weather is not suppose to be good. Inflatable's to be setup inside now on Friday.
- 10 games were rented
- We have enough setup and decoration volunteers.
- Still need volunteers to assist with check-in and help out during the festival.
- No limits on the number of times someone can play a game.
- Leftover books will be used to help start the Book Prize Incentives for good behavior.
- No food donations are needed. Food will be provided.

Reflections

Jennifer Arakelian

- We had 14 entries. 6 entries won and will go on to compete in the Northern VA District competition.
- Mrs. Standiford was wonderful in helping the entries get judged.

Fish Food Drive

Mrs. Tate

- The Student Council is heading up this year's food drive. Donations can be sent in until Nov. 15th.

Winter Dance

Debbie Anguizola

- Need 2 chairs to help plan the dance. Plan the theme, food, and decorations. 2 week time commitment.
- The theme can be anything that is winter related.
- Dance will be held Friday, Dec. 2nd from 6-9pm
- DJ has been booked.
- Mrs. Toatley suggested in tying in the community by families bringing in a toy, gloves, etc.

Book Fair

Melissa Benett

- Book fair to be held Nov. 14-18th with evening hours on the 16th. Still need volunteers.

Fall Harvest Festival

Susan Sather

- The festival will be held 10/29/11 from 3-6pm. Setup is Friday, 10/28/11.
- The theme is: "Fall for a Great Book".
- Gently used books for donations. Books will be given away for prizes.
- Entrance fee is \$7 per person...max. \$25 per family.
- Come dressed as your favorite "Book" character.
- Need supervisor for the inflatables. Need decorations and food donations.

Box Tops**Nancy Momnos**

- Needs volunteers to help sort through entries and check expiration dates.
- She was wondering how to go about in getting volunteers. Someone suggested linking a website to the HWPTA website that would show all volunteers positions needed.

NEW BUSINESS**Basketball Family Night with Sunrise Valley ES****Debbie Anguizola**

- The event will be hosted at Sunrise Valley ES.
- Teams will consist of 6th grade boys and girls.
- There will also be a teacher's game.
- HW is to charge a fee to attend. This event is great to generate school spirit.
- Need team shirts
- Proposed dates are April 13th or April 20th (which is the 6th grade field trip)
- Do we want cheerleaders?
- Need 2 people to chair event and a coach. Marina Matthes is willing to help.

Business Memberships**Alexis Shield**

- HW is looking to ask local business to join the PTA to help build our community.
- There will be 3 levels of membership for businesses:
 - ✓ \$35 Bronze Level – name and contact info on HWPTA website
 - ✓ \$75 Silver Level – business card sized web ad with logo
 - ✓ \$200 Gold Level – flyer in Tuesday folder and a large web ad
- Money donated to PTA, not directly to HW.
- New tab on HWPTA website "Business Partnership".
- We need to come up with a template to standardize our wording – PTA is partnering, but not endorsing or recommends business.
- If any parent has a relationship with a business, please contact Alexis Shield.
- Treasurer is looking into guidelines/rules for business/PTA partnership.
- Business membership documents to be uploaded to PTA website.
- Need to establish criteria for approving business memberships – limiting to store front businesses.

Standing Rules**Jennifer Arakelian**

- Most schools have these rules.
- We were oral in the past.
- This will be a living document.
- Kelly Geer motions to approve the Standing Rules. Alexis Shield 2nd the motion. Standing Rules are passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Picture Day
Fall Harvest Festival
End of 1st Quarter
Halloween Candy Buy Back Program
Student Holidays – Parent Teacher Conferences
Book Fair
PTA Meeting
Thanksgiving Luncheon – 4th Grade Colonial Day
Thanksgiving Break

Oct. 26th
Oct. 29th
Nov. 4th
Nov. 1-4
Nov. 7-8
Nov. 14-18
Nov. 16th
Nov. 18th
Nov. 24-25

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:27pm.

Melissa Benett, Recording Secretary

The minutes were

_____ approved as written
_____ approved as corrected
Date: _____