

**Hunters Woods Elementary School PTA  
Meeting Minutes**

**April 28, 2011**

The Hunters Woods PTA meeting was held on April 28, 2011 in the Hunters Woods Elementary School Library. The meeting was called to order at 7:15pm by PTA President Jennifer Arakelian.

The March meeting minutes were read and approved as corrected.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**Jennifer Arakelian**

**THANK YOU'S**

Jennifer recognized and thanked Karen Montagne for volunteering to be the President-Elect next year and our next PTA President.

Jennifer also thanked the following people and committees:

Lisa Gordon for organizing Office and Clinic Staff Appreciation Week  
Laura Gerry and Beth Atkins for all their hard work on the PTA Musical  
The Spring Book Fair Committee for organizing the Spring Book Fair  
Kelly Rowell, Sherry Huang, and Jyothi Raghavan for coordinating the Chess Club  
Norma Morris, Abby Eisenberg, Katy Hwostow, and Paige Baldwin for all their work on the Yearbook  
Raba Letteri, Jeri Thomas, and Susan Sather – along with teachers Ms. Mason, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Standiford, and Dr. Bouchard - for our wonderful Talent Show.

Jennifer presented the PTA Ballot and Parent Survey. Discussion was held about ways to stress to parents that key volunteer positions need to be filled or popular programs will be canceled. The Ballot will be translated into Spanish.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

**Mrs. Toatley**

The final quarter of the school year has started. Please pay attention to your calendars – we have many informances coming up, in addition to STARS and Medieval Day.

Children have been well taught for SOLs. If you're interested in providing further review for your students, please visit the Virginia SOL site.

Staffing will continue at the same level next year, with increases in custodial and support staff.

The 4<sup>th</sup> grade Interactive Museum was a huge success – including a visit from a group of adult ESOL students. Congratulations to our Odyssey of the Mind team who are going to Worlds.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**Doug Kaspar**

The current state of the budget was reviewed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Odyssey of the Mind**

**Sridevi Settipalli**

One of Hunters Woods' OM Teams won the Virginia Championship and will represent Virginia at the OM World Finals, Memorial Day Weekend at the University of Maryland.

Sridevi presented a budget for the team's trip to Finals. The team is requesting PTA funding support. After discussion, it was recognized that support for future OM teams to pursue advanced competition should be provided by OM participants. Moving forward, the goal is for OM to become self-sustaining by adding a participation fee for all OM participants (suggestion: \$25). These funds will be tracked separately in the PTA budget and carried over year to year to support future OM teams' advanced competitions.

To support this year's OM team, Susan Sather motioned to add a line item to this year's budget for OM-Scholarship in the amount of \$1,400 to fund family costs for two families identified by the team leader up to \$700/family. Dawn Parker seconded the motion. The motion passed by majority vote.

Sridevi Settipalli motioned to add a line item to this year's budget for OM in the amount of \$2,500 to fund the registration fee for Worlds. Alexis Shields seconded the motion. The motion passed by majority vote.

**FLEX**

**Stephanie Carmody, Julia Li**

We currently support 5 FLEX classes – 3 Spanish and 2 French. The only room available to us is the Teachers' Lounge. It is not an ideal environment for learning. We will lose our teachers if we can't find better space for them. Mrs. Toatley will ask teachers if they are willing to make their classrooms available to FLEX.

**BOOK FAIR**

The Spring Book Fair is next week. We need volunteers tomorrow morning for set-up in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Pod.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT**

**Chris Jennings**

Jennifer Arakelian presented a proposal from Chris Jennings to complete his Eagle Scout Project by creating an outdoor seating area in the front of the school. After discussion, it was decided that we will use the Outdoor Beautification funds to support his project of adding 5 8' benches. Dawn Parker volunteered to work with him to finalize the technical design of the benches.

**MINI GRANTS**

Karen Montagne presented a recently initiated Parent Education Initiative effort. As part of this effort, a survey will be sent to parents to gauge their interest in different subjects, i.e., bullying, behavioral issues in the classroom. As part of this effort, she presented a mini-grant request from the K/1 team to create quiet corners in K/1 classrooms to include items such as bean bags, head sets, and a CD player.

Karen Montagne motioned to approve \$1,842 for the mini-grant. Amy Guerber seconded the motion. The motion passed by majority vote.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Office and Clinic Staff Appreciation Week	April 25-29
All County Chorus	April 29
Talent Share	April 29
Spring Book Fair	May 2-6
Teacher Appreciation Week	May 2-6
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Dance Informance	May 5
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Mt. Vernon	May 6
K/1 Field Trip to National Zoo	May 6
Wonderfest	May 9
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Movement Informance	May 10
AAP Orientation	May 12
Principal's Appreciation Week	May 16-20
K/1 Movement Informance	May 17
PTA Meeting	May 18

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at

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Debbie Anguizola, Recording Secretary

The minutes were

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_