

Hunters Woods Elementary School PTA Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2011

The Hunters Woods PTA meeting was held on May 18th, 2011 at the Hunters Woods Elementary School. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by PTA President Jennifer Arakelian.

The April meeting minutes were read and approved as corrected.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

GUEST SPEAKER

Kathy Fredgren

President Arakelian welcomed Kathy Fredgren, who spoke about the benefits and success of the PTA funding for the Saturday School initiative. Ms. Fredgren graciously thanked the PTA for their support of Saturday School, which positively impacted 35 families.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Jennifer Arakelian

· THANK YOU'S

President Arakelian wanted to thank the following NEW volunteers:

Karen Mohindra – After School Activities
John and Gina Bauer – Spelling Bee
Wendy Siamon – Hunters Horn
Liz Taylor and Janet Taylor – Tuesday Folder Copying
Kathy Gustafson and Fionnuala White – Lost and Found
Suzanne Chanesman – Apparel

Also a thank you to Susan Sather for bringing back the Fall Harvest Festival and Cynthia Cook and her husband Charlie Evans who have volunteered to do the games. **We still need FOOD and VOLUNTEER chairs**

· ELECTION BALLOT/PARENT SURVEY

We received 136 ballots, and our slate of officers for next year has been duly elected. The survey results indicated that the most popular events were Bingo Night (40%), Harvest Festival (33%), Dances (32%), Skate Night (31%) and Talent Share (30%). The following programs were most popular: After school (51%), Yearbook (40%), Lego League (33%), Chess (31%), and OM (31%). E-news was the most popular method of communications (58%).

- Turnover dinner reminder – June 13, 6-8pm at Jennifer Arakelian's house
- Mr. Carter offered to buy the extra popcorn machine for \$20. The consensus was to keep it as a back-up.

· In need of Hunters Horn Articles regarding summer reading programs and advice from Mr. Loftus for rising 4th grade parents about instrument selection during the summer.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs. Toatley

Mrs. Toatley thanked everyone for Teacher Appreciation Week.

SOL's have started. The 6th grade has taken the first online version.

Mrs. Toatley attended a meeting regarding the building of a new children's science center (www.thechildrenssciencecenter.org) expected to open in 2013 in NOVA.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Doug Kaspar

The budget was reviewed. Cash Balance: Checking \$47477.72, Savings \$25020.87.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Appreciation Weeks

Jennifer Arakelian

A discussion was led by Jennifer Arakelian regarding how we structure our appreciation weeks for the upcoming year. Instead of 5 or 6 separate appreciation weeks, it was suggested that we condense Bus Drivers/Staff/Principals/Custodians into one week. There was also discussion about a PTA led Teacher Appreciation Week.

Amy Guerber volunteered to lead a committee to devise a more simplified approach for next year.

Yearbook

Norma Morris

There have been some cost overruns in the yearbook budget. Colleen Line moves to add \$2000 to the Yearbook line item from savings. Rasha Bawab seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Odyssey of the Mind

Sridevi Settipalli

There will be an OM fundraiser on May 20th to help the team go to Worlds.

NEW BUSINESS

First Tuesday Folders

Jennifer Arakelian

A chair for the 1st Tuesday Folder Stuffing is needed. This happens the Friday before school starts. This activity requires many volunteers.

Eagle Scout Project

Chris Jennings

Looking for volunteer waterers for summer. Contact Mrs. Negri or Kerry Nobles.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Principals' Appreciation Week	May 16-20
SOL's	May 17-26
3 rd Grade Strings Performance	May 19
OM Fundraiser Demonstration	May 20
6 th Grade STARS Performance	May 20
Kindergarten Orientation	May 23
Early Dismissal	May 27
Memorial Day Holiday	May 28-30
Strings Concert 4-6 grades	June 7
Band Concert 4-6 Grades	June 8
Chorus Concert	June 9
Adventure Day	June 10
6 th Grade Parents Workshop	June 11
PTA Turnover Dinner	June 13
6 th Grade Advancement	June 17
Class Parties	June 20
Early Dismissal 11am – summer vacation!	June 21
PTA Meeting	April 28
Talent Share	April 29

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Debbie Anguizola, Recording Secretary

The minutes were

_____ approved as written
_____ approved as corrected

Date: _____