



PTA MEETING MINUTES



Hermon Elementary General PTA Meeting
October 10, 2017 ~ 6:00 – 7:30 PM
HES - Room 11

Attendance: Melissa O., Shelly T., Jennifer V., Cindy P., Katie B., Amanda D., Jenna G., Jenni H., and Tiffany H.

Welcome and Introductions – Melissa and Shelly

Approval of September, 2017 minutes – Cindy (Accepted as read.)

Treasurer's Report – Jennifer (Reviewed financial reports for September).

Principal's Report – None

Old business:

1. Fundraiser update.
 - The Great American Opportunities fundraiser ends on October 12th.
 - Parental feedback indicated that the shipping and handling charges seemed high, which deterred some people from buying online and chose to order from the catalog instead. Also, there was no option to choose to ship items to the school. We will contact the fundraiser representative to inquire about S&H charges.
2. Darling's Ice Cream for a Cause update.
 - Following up on last month's discussion, the PTA did contact the interim Recreation Director to ask about fundraising at Rec events and the response was that we need to ask permission from the town before we do any type of fundraising on town-owned property. Also, food vendors need to provide the town certificate of insurance and also their food distribution permits.
3. Curriculum nights – HHS Key Club.
 - The PTA would like to recognize and thank the HHS Key Club for helping us with providing child care during the four HES curriculum nights. (We almost had to cancel child care due to lack of parent volunteers.) We are still looking for some parent volunteers for the week of the Oct 16th so that we can have one or two adults at each event.

New business and announcements:

1. Inquiry on setting up a school store to allow students to buy presents for their family during the holiday season.
 - In discussion with Mrs. Perry, she does not approve of having a school store during school hours.



- Katie B. will email Mrs. Perry to see if it is permissible to have one during a Saturday. She mentioned they did this at the town she used to live in and it was a huge success.
2. Update on Red Ribbon Week bracelets.
 - 400 red bracelets have been ordered and will arrive soon.
 3. Update on Hermon Hawks tumblers sale.
 - The board thanked Tiffany H. for her help in selling the tumblers.
 - All 29 tumblers have been sold (There were 30, but one broke). There are over 10 people that would like to have a tumbler so discussion ensued on if we should order more. If we go through Wights Sporting Goods again, the minimum order is 36 tumblers.
 - Discussed when/how to have another Spirit-wear sale. A fall sale was thought to be a better option than having one in the spring, but some members also wondered if we can have an on-going sale all year. PTA will contact other local print shops to get a price comparison.
 - It was decided to contact the Recreation Department to see if we can partner with them to sale Hermon Hawk merchandise.
 4. Parental concerns:
 - An announcement was made that the PTA FB page is to be used for discussing school and PTA-related items and any postings or comments that to not reflect those core ideas will be deleted.
 - Photography options for the school: The school district, not HES, decides who they contract with and currently it is with Douglass Photography. Melissa O., who has worked with Douglass, mentioned she has talked with him about the feedback posted on our FB page and Douglass is willing to make some changes in his service (i.e. have different backgrounds, offer a spring pictures option).
 - Box Tops: Shelly T. passed around a chart showing the Box Tops classroom collection tallies thus far. Also, in discussion with Mrs. Perry, it was decided to not have individual student recognition, but rather focus on classroom teamwork.
 - Shelly T. is working on possibly getting a popcorn machine donated to the school.
 5. Need a volunteer to help post teacher request items on the PTA FB page once or twice a month.
 - Katie B. volunteered for this position.



6. Spiritwear – fall or spring sale.
 - See #3 above.

Public Items or Comments

- Tiffany clarified that there may be a check or two that still need to come in for the tumblers. May need to contact the office to see if they have come in.
- Jenni H. provided an update on having a restaurant night fundraiser. The first night will be at Ground Round on Monday, October 23rd. The PTA will get 20% of the sales for those that bring their fundraising flyer. Jenni will make copies of the flyer to send home with the students. She is also working on getting another restaurant night at Five Guys for December.
- The board asked the members if they got their volunteer application and confidentiality agreement form acceptance letters yet. Some did, others didn't. Some of those that hadn't gotten their letters yet called the school and was told that they were on the volunteer list and that they had received a phone call stating that (but members said they didn't get any calls).

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM

Next general PTA meeting: November 14th, 2017