

Hunt Valley PTA

Meeting Minutes

April 7th, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm. Attendance was as follows:

Jenn Mcanallen, Kim Garlington, Maura Green, David Fee, Jim McMahon, Ashley Echols, Tracy Montenegro, Amy Barnes, Jennifer Puryear, Catherine Luby, Theresa Pedrotty, Andrew Clarke, Jan Grady, Kelly Stuck, Marina Trad, Amy Barnes, Alice Link, Steve Lee, Gelila Teshame.

It was noted that our secretary was not in attendance due to the birth of her third child. Stephanie Curb volunteered to take notes in her place.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as presented. Maura Green motioned that we approve the minutes and Amy Barnes seconded.

Treasurer's Report: The budget summary for March was presented and approved. Tracey Montenegro's motion to accept was seconded by Andrew Clarke.

Special Presentation: Two of the superb educators at our school did a presentation on the Enhanced Autism Program at Hunt Valley. In recognition of Autism Awareness Month, Mrs. Gogel and Mrs. Lilly provided our membership with valuable information about the program and the relationships that have been created within our school between educators and students. It was noted by several members that Hunt Valley students have benefitted in many ways by having the Enhanced Autism Program at our school. Mrs. Gogel also made a point to recognize Mrs. Lilly for her dedication to her students. Catherine Luby was recognized for her help in elevating the Special Education Liaison and discussed the upcoming parent meeting.

Communication from the Board: Board Nominations for next year were discussed. Nominations thus far; President: Stephanie Curb, Vice President: Alice Link and Gelila Teshame, Treasurer: Theresa Pedrotty, Secretary: Amy Barnes. Nominations will continue to be open until the May 5th meeting. On that date, nominations will be accepted from the floor and elections will be held for the 2016-2017 PTA board.

Pancake dinner was discussed. We have sold 124 plates so far. Julie encouraged membership to pre-order dinners rather than to buy at the door so that an accurate count can be given to Chris Cakes

There are several chair positions still open for next year: Assembly Chair, Winter Festival, Volunteer Coordinator, SPAC committee and Spring Festival.

Jim McMahon rose to talk about our upcoming Beautification day (May 14th, rain date May 15th). He gave updates about volunteers (we still need them) and plans for the school grounds.

Alice Link stood to talk about Book Fair which begins April 11th. Volunteer link is active and in need of sign-ups. Basket Raffle is in need of supplies, especially the 3rd grade Lego basket.

The incredibly creative Ashley Echols reported on the status of Teacher Appreciation Week. Teacher Appreciation week will be May 2nd-6th. This year's theme will be Dr. Seuss with the following daily activities: Monday: *Fox on Socks*, teachers will be gifted fun socks! Tuesday: *Whoville Who Treats*, bring in a favorite treat. Wednesday: *Hats off to Teachers*, making Seuss hat of praise for specials teachers. Thursday: *The More You Read*, bring in a book to donate to teacher's library. Friday: *Hop on Popcorn*, popcorn bar for teachers.

Julie discussed EPI kits. A discussion ensued on the pros and cons of rounding up KIT costs or not. A voice vote was taken and it was unanimously voted in the affirmative to round up the cost of the KITS and use the proceeds to purchase extra supplies for the school.

Volunteer of the Month: Alice Link was presented with the Volunteer of the Month certificate for the month of March. She was chosen in recognition of all of her hard work chairing the Book Fair Committee and Basket Raffle for Spring Family Night.

School Administrator Report: Mrs. Green discussed SOL testing dates which can be found on the Hunt Valley website along with the make-up testing dates. She also described the adaptive reading tests that will be administered for the first time for 3rd grade. Mr. Fee reminded us to fill out the survey regarding the pre-Labor Day school start date.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm