

HUNT VALLEY PTA MEETING MINUTES November 3, 2016

Attendance: Jim McMahon, Marina Trad, Tasha King, TaMeisha Norris, Kwame James, David Fee, Karen Mitchell, Kim Garlington, Jodie Jacobs, Kerri Lord, Katie Matis, Tracy Montenegro, Rebecca Fernandes, Andrew Clarke, Steve Lee, Catherine Luby, Mark Polutta, Peter Carr, Susan Lutz, Carla Grisi, Gary Odum, Stephanie Curb, Alice Link, Theresa Pedrotty, Amy Barnes (25) ***I apologize for any misspellings***

Welcome: The meeting was called to order 7:02pm

Secretary's Report: Minutes from September 2016 meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report approved

Committee Chair Reports:

- **Special Education Liaison:** Catherine Luby – had 1st meeting already and was a good turnout – next meeting Saturday, Nov 12.
- **After school programs:** Marina Trad - winter programs that will be offered are: kids-in-motion, hip-hop, chess, O.T. athletics, science – question came up if a teacher can run a program, as an example, a history club – will need to be researched if it's allowed and would also have to find a teacher who would volunteer
- **Fall Beautification Day:** Jim McMahon – rain or shine will plant trees, 15-20 volunteers, slower sign-ups for Sunday date this time around vs Saturday. Will need access to water and wheel barrows – donuts & water donated by PTA
- **Room Parent Coordinator:** Kim Garlington – as of Oct. meeting, still in need of room parent for a 4th and 5th grade class.
- **Membership:** Andrew Clarke – 320 signed up – membership cards in next week or 2.
- **Book Fair:** Becky Fernandes – volunteer list coming in Nov., larger inventory, more titles, set up will be Dec., 2nd, which is earlier than normal to give the teachers a chance to browse and make "wish lists".
- **Winter Festival:** Katie Matis – 2 months away, 2 repeat food trucks plus a donut truck, still need a photographer, using same vendor as last year, will be held Dec. 9th from 6-8:30

Communication from the Board:

- Pyramid Run will be Oct. 15th from 10-12 – arrive early to get t-shirt and sign in
- Spirit Wear – 119 orders already in which was over our estimate
- Spirit Nights – Ledo's and Pistachyo's Oct. 17th & 18th, Paisano's Nov. 14th & 15th.
- Donation Drive – 1207.00 raised so far – explained difference between donation drive and the Original Works art

School Administrator and Faculty Report:**Ms. Green & Mr. Fee:**

- Election Day – Fairfax County is requiring teachers to work from home, office staff & custodians will be at the school
- Veteran's Day – students will read letters again, rain or shine
- Thanksgiving Lunch – we received approval, will be held on Veteran's Day, will need volunteers to serve and sell tickets
- Digital Citizen Week – every teacher will do at least 1 activity w/the students
- Cog Ed Testing – 2nd graders, will start following week
- myON & DreamBox – game like to kids, very good learning tool because it's fun – helps w/math proficiency

Mrs. Sacks: spoke about teacher conferences coming up – if you have questions always check with your teacher because they are willing to work with the parents.

Questions on homework and less being given out – 2nd grade decided to try having less. Hunt Valley is looking at this quarterly.

The meeting adjourned at 8:16pm