

**HUNT VALLEY PTA
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 7th, 2016**

Attendance: Julie Whitehouse, Jodie Langford, Rebecca Fernandes, Kelly Van Buskirk, David Fee, Maura Green, Amy Barnes, Theresa Pedrotty, Jim McMahon, Jenn McAnallen, Andrew Clarke, Stephanie Curb, Ashley Echols, Kim Garlington, Jen Puryear, Catherine Luby, Sue Tampio, Heather Raph, Marina Trad, Steve Lee, Tracy Montenegro, Sara Clarke (22)**I apologize for any misspellings - Kelly Van Buskirk

Welcome: The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from November 2015 meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurers Report: The Treasurer Report from December 2015 was approved as presented. Winter festival brought in \$3,621.00 exceeded our goal by 30%! Food trucks were very popular and commented on how polite our school community was; no book fair invoice yet; Spirit nights brought in \$961.00!

Communication from the Board:

- **Spring Family Night/Book Fair:** April 11-15th. The evening of the 15th will be family night. Members at the meeting voted and said how much they enjoyed Chris Cakes from last year and we should see if he is available again this year to return. We will also do another Basket Raffle.
- **Nomination Committee:** Duties include collecting names of people interested in certain positions. We need 3 people on the committee and they have to be members of the PTA. We will announce in April the nominees. In May, we will re present each candidate and vote/host elections. All positions are up for election. We have Theresa Pedrotty interested in Treasurer and Stephanie Curb as President or Secretary. The nomination committee will be: 1) Andrew Clarke, 2) Jen Puryear, and 3) Marian Trad. We must have a President, Treasurer, and Secretary.
- **Bylaws:** Every 5 years the bylaws need to be updated and they are due this year. A web link to review the bylaws has been active since September. Pounded (#) items cannot be edited or changed. Changes include: a dues increase to \$2.25 from \$1.75, adjust the chair positions to a 4 year term length with 1 year terms. Standing Rules just need board members and Committee Chairs. **Need at least 10 people active on the PTA to vote - All in favor of voting on bylaws - 16 people raised hands and no opposed. PASSED!**
- **Bus Driver Appreciation Day:** We want to say Thank You to the bus drivers on the morning of February 8th with brewed coffee and muffins! We currently have 8 buses. A suggestion was brought up about adding in a small gift card to Starbucks or Dunkin Donuts.
- **Display Case:** A handprint for your child to color and cut out will be send home next week so we can change our display case.
- **Spirit Wear:** We have opened our Winter Spirit Wear Sale! It ends on Jan. 28th. We have added new shirts colors so check out the PTA website for details.

Committee Chair Reports:

- **Beautification Day:** Jim McMahon is the Committee Chair and presented ideas and possible dates for this year's 2nd annual Beautification Day. The target time would be May 14th, rain date May 15th or May 21st, with rain date on May 22nd. We would love to get this on the calendar by next meeting so we can send all our middle and high school students the dates to get volunteer hours. Jim has asked everyone to take a look around the school grounds and see if there are any other suggestions that we can take care of for the school. He passed around a handout with close to 10 suggestions/ideas for the project this year.

- **Movie Night:** Please join us for our second family movie night! We are showing the Minions movie at 6:30pm. We will be giving free popcorn at this event.
- **Membership:** as of 1/7/2015, there are currently 321 members
- **Assemblies:** The US Navy Band Commodores Assembly will take place on Feb. 24th. There will be 2 shows - K-2, 3-6. They are providing this assembly for FREE.
- **After School Programs:** They are currently all open for registration so check out the PTA website for details. Unfortunately, there was a scheduling conflict with Bricks 4 Kidz and they will not be doing a Winter session on Wednesdays. We are trying to find something else that would be open for Kindergartners.

Volunteer of the Month:

- **TJ and Marie Dierks:** They ran the entire Cake Walk at the Winter Festival! We really appreciate them stepping up and volunteering their time. They also helped with set up and take down at the festival. Thanks so much!

School Administrator and Faculty Report:

- **Ms. Green:** SOL dates will be in the KIT next week so please look for those and try not to plan any vacations or doctor's appointments during testing hours.
- The Second Grade CogAt scores are in and you should be receiving them in the mail by early next week.
- **Mr. Fee:** Ann Walsh has retired and Lourdes Presnell from the Clinic has taken her position; the county will be hiring a clinic health aide.
- At 9:30am this morning, he was at West Springfield HS listening to Dr. Garza's press conference. Topics that were discussed were to increase teacher pay and to make elementary class sizes smaller. Will be airing on Channel 21.
- Currently 686 students at HVES, 15,000 teachers and 189,000 students in Fairfax County

Upcoming Events and Reminders:

January

- 15th* PTA Family Movie Night - The Minions Movie - 6:30pm in school cafeteria
18th Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday - No School
19th Student Holiday - No School

February

- 4th* 2nd Grade Period Ends - 2 hour early release
5th Student Holiday - No School
11th PTA Meeting - 7pm in School Library
15th President's Day Holiday - No School
24th US Navy Commodores Assembly

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm