

Hereford Middle School PTA
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
October 6, 2009

I. Call to Order: at 6:05 PM by Cindy Kobbe

Attendees: Cindy Kobbe, Kim Graybill, Suzette Nozick, Cathy Walrod, Cindy Atkinson, Brenda Thompson, Mary Beth Watts, Pat MacNabb, Betsy Mellin, Marcia Petrochko-Bosley, Deane Schwatka, Jeanne Mumford

II. Reading of the Minutes: September minutes reviewed and approved as written.

**MOTION: MARCIA PETROCHKO-BOSLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES;
SUZETTE NOZICK SECONDED THE MOTION.**

III. Treasurer's Report:

1. Beginning balance as of Sept 30 - \$13,733.94
2. Two checks or payments were made totaling - \$355.00
3. Deposit - \$0.94
4. Checks and Payments: - \$2,080.92
5. Deposits and other credits - \$14,355.00
6. Register ending balance as of 9/30/09 - \$25,653.96

**MOTION: CINDY ATKINSON MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER TREASURER'S
REPORT; SECONDED BY MARCIA PETROCHKO-BOSLEY.**

IV. Principal's Report:

1. Principal Walrod encouraging families to join Kids Helping Hopkins 5K run/walk October 31, 2009.
2. HMS TV studio production begins October 22, 2009.
3. Winter concerts scheduled 12/8, 12/9 and 12/16. All concerts will be held at HHS
4. Mrs. Walrod will forward all correspondence regarding Sept 5th York & Corbett accident to Cindy Kobbe.
5. HMS purchased 300 Maroon "Stay Strong" wristbands from HHS (10th grade class). Sale begins Friday (\$2+ donation/band); proceeds will benefit Kids Helping Hopkins.
6. Ed Gerety Character Counts assembly October 9, 2009; all welcome to join.
7. Hereford Exxon donated \$750 to HMS expressing thanks for continued patronage.

V. Teacher's Report:

1. Pat MacNabb reports membership drive going well; close to 100% teacher participation.
2. English Department requesting funds for Traci Siegler and Emily Wyatt to attend Natl. Assoc. for Gifted Children (NAGC) Gateway to Gifted Convention in St. Louis, MO Nov 5-8. Total cost for two \$1,711.12. National PTA Use of Funds was discussed.

**MOTION: KIM GRAYBILL MOTIONED TO APPROVE \$600 TO HELP FUND ST. LOUIS GT
CONVENTION FOR TWO; MOTIONED SECONDED BY DEANE SCHWATKA.**

3. Principal Walrod praised staff commitment, "Our teachers give above and beyond in dedication, time as well as personal support." "We are so lucky to have such a wonderful and dedicated group of teachers"
4. Pat MacNabb asked PTA to make a donation to Kids Helping Hopkins Campaign.

**MOTION: CINDY ATKINSON MOTIONED TO DONATE \$25 TO KIDS HELPING HOPKINS;
SECONDED BY KIM GRAYBILL.**

5. HMS Engineering Club sponsor, Chris Putnam requesting funds to purchase two robotic kits \$459.99 each. HMS and HHS student focusing on Baltimore County robotics competition.

**MOTION: KIM GRAYBILL MOTIONED TO APPROVE \$459.99, THE COST OF ONE ROBOTICS
KIT; MOTION SECONDED BY SUZETTE NOZICK.**

VI. President's Report:

1. Monthly newsletter available online via HMS-PTA website.
2. Pacer Teens Against Bullying and HZ Cares links will be added to HMS-PTA website.
3. PTA accepting PayPal for online memberships and direct donations.
4. Will have PTA table available during American Education Week.
5. Thank you sent to Bagelmeister owners, Mark & Tiffany Peotter for providing bagels for Tears & Cheers Coffee Talk.
6. Hereford Exxon grand re-opening Oct. 3-4; owner, Ed Meadowcroft will donate .2 cents per gallon (up to \$5K) to My Neighbors Foundation & Bull Roast fundraiser scheduled October 9,2009 at Oregon Ridge.
7. Board members reminded to join PTA.
8. Current economic situation discussed specifically, the drop in direct donations. The school and PTA are committed to working together to help fund requests.

VII. Committee Reports:

Membership Committee: Creating Just Between Friends database; membership approval in progress.
Directory: Opt-out forms in, awaiting membership information. Switching print vendor to save costs.
County Council Representatives: Rick Palmisano reports H1N1 flu presentation made. BCPS goal to decrease the spread of the illness and to limit learning disruptions. Closing schools not best options. Baltimore County will provide flu shots to students who desire them. Baltimore County is advocating hand washing several times throughout the day and the use of hand sanitizer in classrooms.
Library Gift Fund: Wendy Hallameyer reports Library Gift fund up and running. Gathering birthday lists; letters ready to go.
Book Fair: Deb Westwater reports book fair scheduled October 26-30 with one evening planned. Volunteers needed.

VIII. Old Business:

(See September 1, 2009 meeting minutes)-Special Education Dept requested funding for multipurpose Ranger Adaptive Tricycle by Rifton costing \$1,072 per cycle. Due to costs, discussion tabled to explore funding options. Pat MacNabb secured lower purchase price \$893.25 per cycle with free ship/handling.

MOTION: SUZETTE NOZICK MOTIONED PTA PARTIALLY FUND (\$446.63) TOWARDS COST OF ADAPTIVE TRICYCLE; SECONDED BY KIM GRAYBILL.

IX. New Business:

In light of the recent fatal accident at York & Corbett Traffic Signal, Cindy Kobbe has asked District Engineers from the State Highway Administration to reevaluate traffic signal timing and operation. The SHA is taking this matter very seriously and has assigned a Service Request Number; however investigation expected to take 90 days. Once again, Delegate Wade Kach will do whatever he can to rectify this situation.

X. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM
 Next meeting Tuesday November 3, 2009 at 6:00PM



Minutes Approved as written _____ Date _____

Minutes Approved as corrected _____ Date _____

Motioned by: _____ Seconded: _____