



## HEREFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL

PTA MINUTES

May 5, 2009

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### I. CALL TO ORDER

Catherine called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

In Attendance: Catherine Webb, Cindy Kobbe, Suzette Nozick, Cindy Sheffield, Cathy Walrod, Marcio Petrochko-Bosley, Jennifer Belgin

### II. READING OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed and approved as corrected.

### III. TREASURER'S REPORT

It was noted that the line item for the Gym Curtain should be removed and the funding for that item \$4,580 should be moved to Teacher's Request within the budget.

The ending balance of budget for the month of April is \$23,513.21.

**MOTION: CINDY KOBBE MOVED TO APPROVE THE BUDGET AS CORRECTED. JENNIFER BELGIN SECONDED THE MOTION.**

### IV. PRINCIPLE'S REPORT

- Teacher's Appreciation Day has been very successful with the teachers. Everyone has been very appreciative of all the food, fruit and notes presented by the students and parents.
- Mrs. Divan has announced her retirement. She will retire and take a position with Towson University teaching student teachers that are preparing for careers in Special Education. Her students will be completing requirements in for dual certification within Towson's Education Program.
- The music concerts will be held on May 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> at Hereford High School.
- The last day of school will be June 12<sup>th</sup>, with June 11<sup>th</sup>, and June 12<sup>th</sup> having a three-hour early dismissal time.
- The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade farewell will be held June 9<sup>th</sup> and will be held at Baltimore's ESPN Zone. Ceremonies will begin at ESPN at 9 a.m.
- Cell Phone & Technology Use, May 6<sup>th</sup> @ HMS - This session has been schedule to help parents become aware about some of the ways students have chosen to use the new technologies available to them. There will be discussions on what is considered inappropriate use and the potential ramifications of inappropriate use of technology.
- There is a roll of "Honor Roll" stickers in the office. Mrs. Walrod is happy to give them to the PTA or Guidance Office, or whatever else the PTA decides to do with them.
- Swine Flu - If the PTA would like to provide antibacterial gel for the cafeteria they are welcome to do that. A discussion about the various locations, dispenser methods, gel products, and pros and cons of anti-bacterial gels ensued. In general it is agreed that we need to make our children aware of the importance to keeping germs in check and that we should find an effective and efficient method of assisting with this mission. A public health awareness campaign was also mentioned.

- V. Mrs. Blevins and Mrs. Holloway requested funds to support the Foreign Language Student Incentives program. They requested \$152.99 to help with the purchase of prizes. This has been a tremendously successful program for several years.

**MOTION: CINDY SHEFFIELD MOTIONED TO APPROVE THIS EXPENDITURE. MARCIO SECONDED THE MOTION.**

VI. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A quorum is not present at the meeting so we are not able to vote on next year's officers. The vote will be held during at the Band Concert Assembly, on May 14<sup>th</sup> at Hereford High School, at approximately 6 pm.

VII. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Cindy has a question about the use of PayPal for Direct Donations next year.
- Picnic Tables for School Grounds - Cindy was wondering about the status of this project and if the PTA should be forwarding these funds. Mrs. Stemler has been working with the Boy Scout to complete this project and the PTA will provide the funds when he needs them.
- Cindy is planning a Lock-Box for parents and student to deposit their PTA Membership registration. Deb Westwater has agreed to Chair the Membership Committee next year.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Hospitality Committee - The Teacher's Appreciation Week seems to be going well and has been well received by teachers. Wednesday will be the big breakfast, Thursday will be coffee cake and Friday will be the big lunch in the Library. The two very large and very beautiful flower arrangements were noted in the Teacher's Lounge as well as the large fruit display.

The End-of-the-Year Lunch will be held in the Library starting at 11:15 a.m.

Marcia will continue as Hospitality Chair. Cindy Adkinson will continue to work with Marcia on the Teacher's Appreciation Week.

#### IX. ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.
- June's meeting will be held on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and is primarily a Budget Meeting.
- New officers will take office on July 1, 2009.