

Hosack PFA Minutes

September 5th, 2017

In attendance: John Harrison, Karen Rosella, Alice Rumsberger, Kelley Kaparakos, Ashley Waitt, Jessie Dull, Jim Campbell, Shaney Boles, Amy Rickicki, Brandie Sunday, Danielle Landy, Kathy Petraglia, Eileen Russell, Dr. Mathieson, Bessie Spiliotopoulou, Darci Milazza, Melissa Culp, Amy Laughlin, Kim Aggazio, Diane Marunczak and Elaine Davis

1. **Called to Order** **9:20 a.m.** **Alice Rumsberger**

2. **Secretary's Report** **Kelley Kaparakos**

June Minutes were presented, Brandie Sunday motioned to approve minute and Shaney Boles seconded

3. **Treasurer's Report** **Karen Rosella**

Income for the month:

Expenses for the month: School Counselor: \$75

4. **Teacher Liaison Report** **Danielle Landy**

From Christina Kralic: "Thanks for all of the treats!"

From Anthony Kremmel: "Thank you in advance to the PFA for supporting 5th grade at Camp KOK! We are getting ready to purchase some tasty snacks for camp cooking and light sticks for the night hike. Wanted to check to make sure the budget is still \$500." Karen Rosella did respond and confirm the budget is \$500

From Val Chandler: "Thank you for the lovely Mentos gifts! And for decorating our faculty room. J"

5. **Principal's Report** **Dr. Amanda Mathieson**

Dr. Mathieson reported that this kids are happy to be back at school and they are off to a smooth start. 4th and 5th grade

Students will be receiving IPADS this year. Thursday, September 14th will be "Roll Out" at NASH for parents. 4th grade students to receive them 9/19 and "Make-Up Day" 9/21 8:00 a.m. There will be a Digital Boot Camp "How to Use.

Dates To Remember:

9/6 4th and 5th Grade "Curriculum Nite" ~ 6:30-8:30

9/8 "Acquanted Nite" 6:30-8:00

9/12 2nd and 3rd Grade "Curriculum Nite"

9/25 Camp KOK for 5th grade (Mon-Wed)

10/4 Picture Day

6. **District Committee Reports:**

a. **SPLC**

Elaine Davis

I will be one of the reps for SPLC this year. They are asking us to come up with topics to discuss this year. If anyone has a topic they want discussed, I would need their input by Sept 13 so that I can submit them to the group. I do not have any burning questions myself yet so if there are issues others may have, I am willing to submit them to the committee for consideration. I know the committee plans to examine student anxiety as an overall topic. Please feel free to add my email to the blurb so that they can contact me directly.

7. Committee Reports

a. EBLASTS:

Elaine Davis

For email blasts, I was going to ask people to really try to get their information to me in a timely manner so that we really can keep the blasts to once a week. I know that a common complaint of many parents that there were too many emails going out.

b. SPIRIT WEAR

Robyn Mascari

She has decided to go with the last company Eileen had gone with, Believe Kids. Sales will be the first 2 weeks in October (10/2 - 10/13), delivery will be roughly 2-3 weeks later. Paper flyers are due to ship on 9/15 and should be at the school by the 21st. I'll have them sorted and in the hands of the homeroom teachers by Wednesday the 27th. **All sales are done through the Believe Kids web site, therefore there is need to collect monies and sort orders. Everything is delivered grouped per order. Here is the link to the approved fund raiser flyer

: <http://www.spiritgeardirect.com/GearDrive/ApproveFlyer>.

They have asked if we wanted to do a Holiday shop through them this winter. The web site for the holiday shop is <http://www.believeholidayshop.com/>Of course, this would require many volunteers during school hours as well as figuring out a space to hold it. If there is an interest, we should start planning ASAP. There was discussion that this could cut into the Fundraiser done by the Art Teacher but also should be a topic of "New Business" that would be voted on by the Board. This discussion was tabled for a later time.

c. KIDSTUFF COUPON BOOKS

Sherri Ginsburg

The books were mailed last week so I'm assuming they will be arriving at the school this week. I will be contacting the office on Tuesday to let them know about the upcoming arrival. I'm guessing they will be stored in the volunteer office until distribution. When I was setting everything up with the Kidstuff customer service representative we used the past orders as a reference. We will distribute the books Sept 18 and the end date is Oct 2. I will need volunteers to help me package all the bags to hand out to the teachers. I will be putting the bags together the week of the 11th. If anyone is interested in helping, give them my phone number (412-726-1013) or email (sgnginsburg@gmail.com) and I can give them a date and time when I finalize the plans. I'm assuming that once the fundraiser is over I will give all of the checks to the treasurer. If there is a certain plan already in action let me know.

8. Presidents' Report

Alice Rumsberger

We have found a "Homeroom Parent Coordinator", Stephanie Lucas. Need to see if we have a Chairperson for Auction and "No Waste Monday" for Food Rescue 412. Mrs. Hoel then offered further explanation of the "No Waste Monday" Program which was started as the students research project to help with food waste. This would require 5th grade leadership students and an adult to gather unused, and unopened non-perishable food from lunch. Kids can do service announcements about the program and the Food Rescue 412 may offer an assembly to better inform the students. They will also train parents, staff and volunteers who may be interested. The PFA is looking for someone to Chair this position at this time.

Alice is also looking into "Remind 101" for parents and families to help with notifications from school. This program is used at the Middle School and High School as well.

9/8 **Get Acqanted Nite 6:30-8:00** NACOMA will have a food truck available and the PFA will offer Rita's Italian Ice. Anybody who chairs a committee is welcome to have a table for that event to share information with families.

NA FOUNDATION will be offering a Race in October at Marshall Middle Schools

9. **New Business:** Elaine Davis has offered to develop a "PFA Website", which would also have links to Hosack site & EBLASTS. She also asked about the organizing another Race this year, which Alice said would benefit the school and programs at Hosack.
10. **Old Business:** Amy Rickicki will again be offering "Dine Out Nites" this year....Chuck E Cheese, Monte Cello's, Chipotle, Moe's, Texas Roadhouse, Panera and Chick Fil-A. Please contact Amy if you know of an establishment that might want to participate.
11. Field Day: Bessie Spiliotopoulou wanted to confirm the date for this year, as it was not on the school calendar. **FIELD DAY DATE THIS YEAR IS JUNE 8TH**. Alice recommended that is may be helpful to offer a Chairperson for "Activities", one for "Volunteers" and another for "Food". Bessie thought any additional assistance would be helpful.

NEXT PFA MEETING :
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3RD, 7:00 P.M.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Kelley Kaparakos