

Hingham High School PTO Minutes December 7, 2017

Attendance: Michelle Ayer (Secretary), Sara Ader (Vice President), Jennifer Henriksen (Asst. Principal), Deirdre Anderson, Val Lavarity, Beverly Brown, Pam Gillis

Welcome (Michelle Ayer)—Michelle welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:45 am. Barbie was absent due to a surgery and Rick Swanson had a meeting at Central Office.

Principal's Report (Jennifer Henriksen)

- Chicago was FABULOUS. Every performance was outstanding and very well attended.
- 15 music students chosen for District Festival.
- Annual Scituate vs. Hingham football rivalry held at Fenway Park on the Weds. before Thanksgiving. Great and memorable experience, not to mention a victory!
- Winter sports started last Monday.
- Rose Doran, science teacher, retired. Liz Englesby is filling in until new hire can start in January.
- Peer mentoring is going well. Gingerbread party last night, great turnout approx. 75 kids.
- Pie give-away went very well and was much appreciated.
- Also appreciated was the support for Extreme Couponing.

Treasurer's Report (Michelle Ayer read this report submitted by Jane McGrath)

Revenues

- The November Sport & Ski Sale was a great success this year with **\$5,874** earned after consignment payments back to teams and individuals. This was almost \$1,700 better than our budget forecast! Thanks so much to our families who consign items for sale and especially to Trish, Siobhan and all the volunteers who made this a big success!
- We exceeded budget for dues by \$230.
- I expect that we will be getting proceeds from the Fruit Center fundraiser this month and from Lifetouch this month or next.

Expenses

- We are generally on budget. \$261 under Discretionary was related to additional directory costs due to cost of another printer due to issues with our usual printing service.
- We have started to pay out some of the mini-grant awards.
- We paid for Constant Contact for our email blasts and newsletter through June 2018, the end of our fiscal year, and expect to increase this budget line item in 2018 as the monthly cost for this has increased in 2017 compared to 2016.
- We have allocated \$600 in our Discretionary line item to fund a portion of the cost of a February 2018 faculty training session and parent presentation on bullying and

cyberbullying by Elizabeth Englander of the MA Aggression Reduction Center at Bridgewater State University. HHS PTO is co-sponsoring this event with HMS PTO.

So, we are right on track.

A discussion followed about potentially helping to sponsor a visit from John Halligan of Vermont. Mr. Halligan lost his son to suicide after bullying and has devoted himself to educating others about bullying. Outstanding speaker and the administration is looking into bringing him back to talk to students. He hasn't been here in a long time.

<http://www.ryanpatrickhalligan.org/>

Secretary's Report (Michelle Ayer)

- Minutes of November meeting were distributed and approved.

Committee Reports

Hospitality (Pam Gillig)

- Pie Give-away for Thanksgiving was well attended and very popular. Lots of people donated. Thank you to all the volunteers.
- Planning a Christmas Holiday Luncheon for teachers and staff on Dec. 19. There will also be a gift card raffle with that.
- Everything is moving along smoothly and people are continuing to volunteer for things.

Class Updates

1. Class of 2018 (Michelle Ayer)

Senior Night – (Dana Donnelly submitted this written report read and supplemented by Michelle.)

* Most volunteers have been assigned to committees, and rest should have been contacted to see how they want to help.

* HPS Building Use forms have been submitted to reserve the cafeteria, gym, hallway between, and auditorium for Senior Night (including set-up and clean-up).

* Stacy and Michelle have been working on plans for decorating. They will be submitting HPS Building Use forms for any decorating meetings they'd like to hold in the school. Next they will be meeting with chairs from food and entertainment to align their plans and come up with preliminary budget numbers (based off budgets from past 2 years I gave them). I will meet with them all once they have a basic plan so we can figure out ticket costs and how much donor solicitation we need to do.

* Things will really pick up in 2018 so I am trying to create a timeline of tasks from the plethora of information I was given by last year's business co-chairs.

Holiday Fair—Great success. Very crowded and huge. The kids voted to split half the proceeds with Dana Farber. That's the end of the fundraising for this year.

Prom will be at Lombardo's.

2. **Class of 2019** no update
3. **Class of 2020** no update
4. **Class of 2021 (Deirdre Anderson)**

Did a fundraiser with Minted and a Holiday Fair table.

They will be doing a bottling/can drive weekend. Still need to pick the community service project to earn that privilege.

New Business

All-town Education Forum (Sara Ader)

- The PTO presidents of all the schools have started meeting monthly to share information. They have begun planning for a town-wide Education Forum that will be at 7 pm on January 31 at HMS Auditorium. The superintendent will be there, along with all of the school principals, to answer questions from the community.
- Michelle recommended a book that she read on the recommendation of Jamie LaBillois called ***Schools Cannot Do It Alone*** by Jamie Vollmer.

Next HHS PTO Meeting on Feb. 1, 2018 at 9:30 am in HHS Room 103.

The meeting will focus on filling PTO leadership and committee chairs for 2018-2019 and beyond.