

## HMS PTO Meeting Minutes

Friday, December 11, 2020

9:30 am

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

HMS PTO Meeting Attendees 12/11/20	
Hillery Efke	Kathryn Hickey
Colleen Stewart	Erin Avery
Beth Miller	Kirsten Shelton
Brian Fisher	Laurie Argo
Allison Fondaw	Leanne Howell
Michelle Midha	Liz Sigman
Diana Lang	Marianne Farabee
Elizabeth Gates	Mitzi May
Mary Beth Turner	Nabiha Huda
Joy Williams	Amy Cook
Toni Nygren	Suzanne Ray
Holly Kulp	

### Call to Order

9:48 am by Colleen Stewart (late due to problems with Zoom link)

### Approval of Minutes

1st

2nd Allison Fondaw

Approved as written

### Guest Speaker - Diana Lang

- Introduced herself and said thank you so much to everyone on the PTO Board who helped an HMS family in need
- There was a sign up genius for items needed, and it filled up VERY fast, thank you!
- Please let Kathryn know if we have anything else that needs to be picked up
- Family will be kept anonymous

### Administrator's Report - Brian Fisher

- Thank you to Ms. Lang and to the PTO for their generous support of HMS family in need
- Things are picking back up and kids seem to be enjoying school more
- They don't expect many changes to next semester's schedules
- Covid is being transferred outside of school, not at school
- The community has been great keeping the school informed of cases and quarantining when needed
- Thank you for the smoothies provided to the faculty and staff
- In process of wrapping up Case testing
- Using Mastery Connect system for Case, which has gone very well, flawless
- Case = just a benchmark
- Will send results home with students when they are ready

- Kathryn -- Is the plan still for 4 days in school and 1 day virtual for 7th and 8th grades? Mr. Fisher -- yes, that is the plan for right now
- Amy Cook -- Why 4 days and not 5? Mr. Fisher -- no great answer except that is what district has said; this schedule has allowed teachers to do more office work; the goal is to get back to 5 days but safety comes first
- Colleen -- how many coming back that were virtual, etc.? Mr. Fisher -- Almost even swap, minimal increase to students back in the buildings so not a drastic change to classes; they don't expect many changes
- Hillery -- there was an email that came out with information
- HMS is getting more students back in person
- Colleen stated that admin has done an excellent job
- Mr. Fisher -- Happy Holidays and Be Safe! Said he could not be happier at HMS, loves it, loves the kids, and Go Mustangs!

#### **Treasurer's Report -- Kirsten Shelton**

- Something is transposed on the report, and Kirsten will find, fix, and get it out next week
- Amazon Smile has been updated from PTA to PTO and new link went out on social media
- Had a great spirit night at Wimpy's and waiting on check from Kroger too

#### **President's Report -- Colleen Stewart**

- Thanks you's out to everyone
- Smoothie King reached out to HMS and wanted to donate to teachers
- To 8th grade parents -- HHS Open House is typically in February and will be having a virtual open house

#### **Vice President's Report -- Kathryn Hickey**

- Will still take donations for HMS family
- Will do drawing for party prizes at end of meeting
- Toni -- Need donations for family by 12/15 so they can take to the school on 12/16

#### **Parliamentarian's Report -- Hillery Efke**

- Nomination for STAR Awards through the GMSD PTO are in January and will vote in February as a PTO to send in to district
- We can nominate a PTO member, teachers, other parent volunteer, etc.
- We want to send in 3 nominees
- Hillery will send link for nomination form in January so start thinking about who to nominate

#### **Recognition -- Mitzi May**

No Report

#### **Ways and Means -- Mary Beth Turner**

- Had a great spirit night at Wimpy's and raised \$248
- There were only 6 people who came in and did NOT say they were associated with HMS
- We are officially the highest spirit night they've had
- Wimpy's said they will plan for more staff next time
- No spirit night for December, maybe not Jan or Feb either because businesses aren't doing it right now
- Thank you for your support!

### **Haunted Houston / T Shirt Contest -- Michelle Midha**

- Got t-shirts yesterday and sorted them
- Pick up is today from 3:30 - 5:30 in front circle of the school
- Made between \$2500-\$3000 net

### **TLC Cakes -- Colleen Stewart**

- Cake gift cards were distributed before Thanksgiving
- Everyone was excited and appreciative

### **Publicity -- Suzanne Ray**

No Report

### **Health and Safety**

No Report

### **Membership -- Allison Fondaw**

No Report

### **Teacher Treats -- Kirsten Shelton**

- Smoothie King was very organized and went very smoothly; very good to work with

### **Clubs and Sports**

No Report

### **Hospitality -- Toni Nygren**

- Jason's Deli did a great job and was very cost effective
- Teachers very appreciative because they cannot do a lot of what they used to do, so maybe we can do it again for them?
- Anything we do for them is so appreciated
- Kirsten said only half of the budget allocated was used so doing something else may be possible
- Morale cart is going really well and may have to restock soon

### **Beautification**

No Report

### **Contests -- Marianne Farabee**

- Reminders for the diversity writing contest are still going on and submissions are due by 1/15

### **Honor Roll -- Laurie Argo**

- Gave out 1st quarter reward and working on something for next quarter

### **Webmaster -- Amy Cook**

- Domain will expire 1/5/21; how should she extend/renew?
- Colleen -- Need to look at charges and will get with Amy
- Kirsten suggested we renew for a longer period of time for a cheaper price to save money
- Kirsten -- need to put on personal credit card and be reimbursed
- Laurie suggested she make sure it's a legit request because it could be a scam; has happened before

## **Newsletter -- Joy Williams**

No Report

## **Old Business**

None

## **New Business**

- Mary Beth said she has a lot of lanyards left over and asked what we need to do with them?
- Colleen suggested we save for next year
- Allison said they sold them at Dogwood for Dogwood Fest for kids to snap their tickets to and maybe they can save them for Haunted Houston
- Colleen said it is up to Mary Beth and suggested she could give to teachers?
- Mary Beth said there are A LOT of lanyards and magnets left over, probably 300, that need to be in a central place
- Maybe they can be stored in the Haunted Houston closet and then make a decision
- Suggestion was made to use along with Teacher Treats?
- Discussion tabled but left open to suggestions

## **Holiday Door Prizes -- Kathryn Hickey**

- Kathryn drew names for prizes which she will deliver later today
- Amaryllis Bulbs -- Allison Fondaw and Mary Beth Turner
- Arbonne Essential Oils -- Suzanne Ray
- Buff City Soap -- Hillery Efke
- Buff City Soap -- Amy Cook
- Vanilla Coconut Hand Lotion -- Leanne Howell
- Starbucks Gift Cards -- Laurie Argo, Holly Kulp, Mltzi May, Beth Miller

## **Adjournment -- 10:45 by Kathryn Hickey**