

Henniker Community School PTA Meeting Minutes

December 12, 2022

7:00PM

Attendees: Nicole Ovens, Matt Colby, Colleen Gagne, Deb Greaves O' Shea, Maggie Shrock, Tara Holbrook, Ashley Rainey, Emily Bogle, Lindsey Nye, Jeannie Ackerman.

Call to order: 7:07

Approve last meeting minutes: motion to approve was made and seconded.

Membership:

Treasurer's Report: there is an extra 150 dollars left over from the conference. The spreadsheet was reviewed. Treasurer recently learned that we were being overcharged at the bank as they had us coded incorrectly and in the wrong type of account.

Scholastic has yet to cash our check. More money will come in when this

Ski program busing money is going to DC- Matt confirmed that we can send the check for what's left over to HCS to aide the AIR program. One check for both is fine as well.

Teacher Retirement: only one has informed the school board.

Activity Day: Colleen spoke to the committee for AD's intent to request PTA funds for a dunk tank. This year will be ramped up from the Covid years. There will be an added committee to organize this event.

Receipts are needed from the Light Up Event

Time/date survey- Matt sent out the survey. We can start, and Deb will put it out on social media.

Committee Reports:

Light Up Henniker: Emily spoke to the unexpected large turnout. Some feedback - some parents looking for earlier start time during day light and wait until dark to light the tree. Matt stated that Cafe Services will provide hot chocolate for next year. Deb heard amazing feedback from lots of families and businesses- very positive! Difficulties with the electric availability were discussed. The chorus had some issues in terms with the

Rotary who organized the chorus. The Henniker House owner, Allison, would like us to leave the tree. Matt has offered to figure out how to manage the tree.

Recess Shed: not addressed.

Book Fair- . 2/8- Rep is eager and looking for a date.

Valentine's Dance: 2/10: group is meeting Weds. An update will come then

Communication: Deb spoke to our instagram page. Requesting members to get the word out. It is also budget season (school board). She would like to get information across through the social media. Testimonials, etc. and any positive things would be great.

Patti Osgood posts to all of the SAU. Deb just posts to the Henniker PTA and Instagram. They will share for one-another.

Membership: Maggie spoke to how this a busy time of the year so it makes sense to start new in the new year. It will help when we figure out how we meet. Maggie asked if we could take the Light up Henniker poster down and replace it with pictures from the event. People have indicated that

Parents Night Out: some schools in the area have babysitting offered during the meetings provided by older kids as fundraiser.

Ashley put out the Parents' Night Out. Student council kids and some adult volunteers would do the childcare. Perhaps reserving spots at the area restaurants. Matt spoke to the last time there was a sign up ahead of time, employees, and about 16 restaurant spots.

Fundraising:

Restaurant Idea - Nicki: would local restaurants be willing to have a night where some of proceeds would be donated to a group such as the DC trip. Matt spoke to some of the fundraising that is happening thus far. The t-shirts and meal voucher for on the way down have been covered. The craft fair that occurred has the vendor fees to go to the trip. Other small fundraisers are going on. After they hit a certain amount - the rest goes towards reducing the overall costs and some scholarships.

Some kids are not planning on going. There are seven students at this time who are not attending. It's not clear as to the reasons why-financial or other.

There is a board policy has a policy regarding school district fundraiser. These have to be approved by the board. The board also votes to accept the money we donate. We have to make sure that the restaurant fundraiser is actually produced by PTA for something in particular-make it clear.

New Buisness:

Harry Potter House T-shirts: the shirts are expensive and they are wondering if the PTA could help. A member is involved with some students making shirts in Sunapee as a fundraiser. Matt spoke to how we spend 6 dollars and change from the lady in Weare. They are wondering about what would be a better item that can go on for the entire years they are in school/ program is being run. Ideas are being solicited.

Deb has been asked about the "Swag" shop. Mrs. Cloutier is a parent here in Henniker, and they are running a small shop with her students and they are offering to make stuff for the store. Lindsey Tompkins partnered with Shirtmasters for a "Swag" store this spring where an online website for orders was open four weeks.

1/10 is the school district budget meeting.

Next Meeting: 1/9/2023 7:00pm

Meeting Adjourned: 7:51