

Henniker Community School PTA Minutes

Nov 13, 2023

6:00PM

Attendees: Courney, Deb, Joane, Matt, Lindsay, Colleen, Emily, Jeannie

1. Called to order: 6:05

2. Approve last meeting minutes: Approved

3. Welcome to new members! None

4. Committee Groups Breakout Session

5. Committee Reports:

a. Membership: Maggie is out due to her birthday (Happy Birthday!) Nikki met a man who sells advertisement onto bags. We can also get magnets with the school calendar. She will speak with him, and get this going over the summer to get the businesses. Matt suggested PTA buying some for new kindergarten families.

b. Fall Fest: .

c. Book Fair: host a browse and breakfast for teachers and they will have bins. Wish list papers will go home with the families. No more e-wallet for teachers. Parents can donate books to the bins and teachers can pick out some. More YA options as well.

d. Light up Henniker: Dec 2nd: 4:30-6, Santa 4:50

Courtney has been working on getting trees. She went to different places and 3 have confirmed.

Trees to be set up by 3pm.

Tracey made flyers.

Lindsey Pierce organized the last bake sale for the 8th grade. We will reach out to her to see about getting one organized for the 2nd.

Emily will order hot choc from Dunks and the school

Colleen is working on children decorating ornaments.

Christmas Carols:

Colleen confirmed Santa, Fire truck: they will definitely drive Santa. He confirmed that we have Santa.

High School photography will run the toy drive.

There is interest in smores.

The chamber is also doing a tree.

Colleen got the candy canes

Matt will be the MC to thank everyone. Courtney and Jeannie will man the hot chocolate table

Matt will volunteer his truck to stuff it with food donation.

Nov. 27th is a meeting 7:30 via zoom regarding a check in.

e. Fundraising : instead of a catalog thing in the spring, Nikki proposed a color run instead. Planning in March for the run in May. Pay to play plus fund raise to get others on your team.

Next year: have a year round swag shop. Deb mentioned that people have spoke to how they missed the deadlines.

Ecosmith:

f. Communication: Deb has gotten feedback regarding that people feel they are not aware of what we are doing. We do social media, flyers, email and posted it on the website.

Matt spoke to the patterns - there's multiple emails etc.

Ideas include having a blast at the beginning of the year with all the links etc.

Matt spoke to an app that Dunbarton that has all the messages, history, PTA happenings.

6. Treasurer's Report:

OLD BUSINESS:

Fall Fest was a huge hit. Children had a great time. People liked having in a closed area. Next year have one point of entry. Let's add cornhole. Discussed having it earlier and rearranged for next year.

Ecosmith: We should be getting a quarter one check.

Charleston: 102 items - over 600 dollars in profit. 5% participation rate.

NEW BUSINESS:

Interest in Nature's Classroom

Matt: Concerns have been raised about the increase in tobacco use in town. Police are

concerned as well as they are getting these things from local businesses. The school is working with some educational programming around this, but also it would be great if parents could keep an eye out.

Lindsey B will get in touch with the Chamber to see what help they could provide.

Next Meeting:

Dec 11, 6pm