

MINUTES

Hope PTA General Membership Meeting

March 28, 2016 Hope Elementary Cafeteria

The meeting was called to order by Erin Erickson at 7:05pm

In attendance

See Attached

Secretary's Report

The minutes were read from the February 22, 2016, meeting. Motion to approve made by Courtney Griffith, seconded by Kim S. and approved by vote.

Treasurer's Report

HEP money has come in but expenses not accounted for. 5K deposit has been made but expenses not paid out. Grant from Scituate Art Festival 500.00 received. Total grants this year 1200.00! 9453.00 in checkbook. Motion to approve budget by Bianca Mancini, seconded by Dana, approved by vote.

Principal's Report

Dana Morel, not much to report. Getting ready for spring assessments, getting prepared for end of year.

Teacher's Report

Mrs. McCann not present, no report

Current Business

- a. **Pep Rally**-Jodi not present to report. All board members attended, teachers and k-5. Wildly successful. Our first time trying this event.
- b. **Bingo- Dina reporting**- Went well, full house. Had plenty of volunteers. Dana suggests giving tickets for the ice cream, since we ran out. Some older kids kept going back for more servings.
- c. **Memory Book**- Spring craft raised 200.00, total income for year from fundraisers over 800.00 and budget is 1000.00, getting close to the goal. Total cost estimated 1932.00.

New Business & Calendar

- a. **Nominating Committee**- 3 people, any member except the president is eligible. Committee is responsible to compile all nominations and make final nominations and present to board at next meeting for the available positions. All four board positions are open for next year. Committee puts forward one nominee for each position. Erin Erickson, Courtney Griffith, and Dina Elhelw volunteered for the committee.
- b. **Library Committee**- new concept, looking for volunteers to do something in honor of Mrs. Guay in the library. Have a discussion about possibilities for some type of gift or plaque or artwork. Possibly ask Sue S. for input. Maybe a school celebration, involve the students in sending her off.
- c. **Calendar**

Boys' Choice

April 3, 2016

Melissa B.-chairperson-, all plans are set, may pick up tickets Wednesday at parent pickup or just before the game on Sunday. 75 tickets sold. Seating plan by grade for most part.

Girls' Choice

April 8, 2016

Bianca M.-chairperson-reporting 108 signed up, plans are set.

Run 4 Hope 5K Run/Walk

April 10, 2016

Jen S.-chairperson- 33 registered runners so far. Working on promoting the race to get more runners. Expenses are covered by sponsorships. Tshirts are ordered, plans are set. Still collecting raffle items, reminder flyer going home Tuesday. Sandra Kalashian and Monica DeLuise. are handling raffle baskets. Bianca Mancini is working to promote the raffle and silent auction. We have many great donations for this portion of the event. We are making money, not sure if will make budget.

Young Authors

date tbd.

Courtney G.-chairperson-Books are in, going home week of April 11, due back week after school vacation, week of April 25th. Tentative date 1st or 2nd week of May. Board agrees school night is good for this even and has worked well in the past. Plan to display books at Hope Library. We would like to display them for Arts Night as well, possibly in our library.

Book Fair

May 31-June 7

Volunteers needed as always! Spread the word!

Teacher Appreciation- Bianca M.- chairperson, she has a theme in mind. If anyone wants to help her, please contact her since there will not be a meeting in April.

Melissa would like to add a thought about volunteer appreciation. As a PTA volunteer, we cannot accept monetary gifts as a thank you for giving our time to organize and run PTA events. If a parent wants to thank someone personally that's fine but they may not solicit money from other parents toward a gift. This cannot be supported by the school or backed by the PTA in any way. We recognize that it's a thoughtful gesture, but our bylaws have to be followed.

Next Meeting

May 16th, 2016 7:00pm

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:59pm and was passed unanimously.

Minutes submitted by Jennifer Spaziano _____