

HBMS PTSA Meeting Minutes – September 20, 2012

Attendees: Carol Scrima, Farrah Coady, Mara Friedman, Lori Bonnette, Krista Whalen, Tammy Fareed, Joddy Mitchell, Maryanne Shandley, Bob Thompson, Patty Flynn, Lynn Ouellette, Katie Corsetti

Art teacher, Lynn Ouellette, shared an idea based on Nashua's "Empty Bowls" program. She would like to have an ice cream bowl event where all students create pottery bowls to be displayed at Arts Night in May with the intent to be purchased by guests. All proceeds would go to a local charity to be determined. Discussion revolved around if and how the PTSA should involve itself in such outreach events. It was determined that if the event is school-wide with students involved in the activity then PTSA can donate to the activity.

Budget discussion: After reviewing last year's budget items and amounts, it was determined to keep the budget the same for this year except:

1. increase the Reflections budget to \$350 (voted on last spring)
2. Maryanne motioned to add \$1,000 line item to be used for the D.C. trip at the administration's discretion for students in need. Krista seconded it. The motion passed.
3. Maryanne motioned to add \$200 line item for "Student Driven Community Events." Katie seconded it. The motion passed.

Check write/sign limit: Tammy motioned that the treasurer be allowed to write checks for up to \$250 without requiring a second signature. Katie seconded the motion. The motion passed.

PTSA events:

- 7th grade barbeque and 8th grade celebration each need a chairperson
- Staff appreciation will be led by Tammy with Joddy to help coordinate
- Reflections is coordinated by Michelle Jimeno
- National History Day was participated in last year for the first time. Administration will check with Mr. Capraro if it will happen again this year.

Krista is the newest member of the Co-op School Board. She encouraged everyone to attend meetings and welcomed parent input.

Next meeting: October 18 at 8:30

Respectfully submitted by Katie Corsetti