

# HMBS PTSA Minutes

**March 20, 2009**

**Attendees:** Robin Gegg, Cindy Van Coughnett, Lynn Goldberg, Shelly Gillis, Fatima Walsh, Sherri Wholey, Bonnie Frisard, Kathy Rueter, Ellen Allen, Karen Brown, Pat Goyette, Lori Gates

Meeting call to order by Robin Gegg

Review of Minutes from February meeting. Fatima Walsh moved to accept minutes, Sherri Wholey second the minutes. All Passed

**Treasurer's Report:** Ellen Allen See Attached

Motion made to accept current budget Lynn Goldberg. Shelly Gillis second the motion. All Passed.

## **Old Business:**

**7<sup>th</sup> grade Generations** - will be on Friday, March 27. Erin White has organized the event with the help of several others. Robin Gegg is over seeing the luncheon for the parents

**Membership** - Cindy Van Coughnett, New format on PTSA memberships, packaging the membership fee to include student directory, bumper sticker and make the directory a better tool. (Calendar, coupons, etc) Also, increasing membership fees of PTSA.

Discussion followed: Motion made by Shelly Gillis charge of \$7.00 for membership Ellen Allen Second the motion. All passed. Pat Goyette abstained because of her late arrival during discussions.

A full package would include a directory, membership & bumper sticker, for \$18 for early purchase. Checks will not be deposited until after July 1 for early purchase due to budget year and accounting purposes.

Motion made by Fatima Walsh and second by Sherri Wholey.

Shelly Gillis and Cindy Van Coughnett will work on the details to put together details for promotion and other details

**National PTSA by Laws** - Cindy Van Coughnett presented the revised by laws to the membership. A motion was made to accept the revised by-laws by Bonnie Frisard, Kathy Rueter seconds the motion. Vote passed unanimously.

### **New Business:**

PSTA sent a sympathy card to the Werne family. A scholarship fund is available for contribution. Bonnie Frisard made a motion to make a donation to the college fund. Shelly Second the motion. All passed. Motion made for amount of fund for \$250 made by Shelly Gillis. Sherri Wholey second the motion. Money will come from Staff Request budget. Sherri made the motion for Shelly second the motion. Motion passed, one nay, no abstentions.

A brief discussion was held concerning a new bulletin board for HBMS PTSA. It will be located inside the foyer area.

### **Principals Report:**

Pat Goyette read an outline of a report on the primary fundraiser for the PTSA which was just started this year to replace the magazine drive, which was the primary fundraiser for the past 12 years. This is the first year and growing pains, name recognition and community support has been slow. It was decided to reorganize and try the gift card fundraiser again. Lori Gates discussed some ways to help the fundraiser; she has been involved in one similar before. One suggestion was to have a supply of common/everyday cards available that the PTSA would order to have on hand. A committee will be formed with Mrs. Goyette, Lynn Goldberg and possibly some students to help drive this fundraiser

The Veterans' visit yesterday for the 8th grade students went well. 22 Veterans attended the event; some were from Iraq and WWII. They met with the blocks of students and gave an overview of involvement and what conflict they had participated in. Students were able to ask questions and hear feedback. This program reinforces and sets the stage for the Washington DC trip giving the students some expectations and exposure to what they will see next week. Many of the memorials were mentioned during this time.

High School Freshman Class Registration will be after DC trip. Schedule for course selection process was mailed and emailed to students & families.

Grade 6 transition to HBMS - 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers will be asked to administer only the math and use the NWEA scores for foreign language and reading. Parents are being invited to the April 17<sup>th</sup> PTSA meeting.

SAU 41 is converting to a new student information system. Training has started as of Aug 1 to transfer data into a new system called Power School.

Anticipating 3 sections of Algebra and 2 sections of pre-algebra and a geometry class will be offered to advanced students for next years 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Teachers are the guides to place the students.

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Open house is Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. PTSA Membership will participate at the event.

Calendar has two proposals going to the SAU board; one calendar is Aug 26<sup>th</sup> ends June 21<sup>st</sup> with a 4 day Labor Day weekend. The other is starting a week later ending school June 29. Parents are encouraged to contact the school board for their input.

Currently, the last day of school for students is June 24. Superintendent is writing to the state for a waiver for the extra day. Friday, May 22 is now a school day.

Defibrillator is ordered today. Money from the Flames and AAU team and the price came down, batteries are about \$200. A fund will be kept for the batteries.

8<sup>th</sup> grade team meetings, There was a Review and reinforcement of the Rules. PDA, clothing, body art, informal language vs. formal language. Best effort is expected from the students on everything they do and in for the preparation for DC and on to HS, etc.

Announcements were read by Robin Gegg,

Meeting Adjourned.

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**Amendments'/Approval at Next meeting**