

# Hornsby Middle School PTSA General Membership Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2019, 5:30 PM

- I. Call to Order by Jill Dalton at 5:36 PM.
- II. We have a quorum.
- III. President's Report by Jill Dalton: Jill welcomed all in attendance. She said the showing of Angst went very well. We didn't get the numbers we were hoping for but there were a lot of other activities that evening that most likely prevented several people from attending. The activities before the showing were popular and everyone seemed to enjoy going to the different vendors. I would encourage a similar event every year, in February or any other time, so the PTSA has a chance to reach out and provide assistance to our families on such an important issue.
- IV. Vice President Report by Adrienne Tropilo: Alisa and I have been working on the committees for next year and we have had great success thus far. I want to thank everyone who has agreed to step up to a new role and also those who have volunteered to extend their time in their current role. We currently still need someone to chair the Purple and Gold Dance and Reflections. Alisa and I have also reached out to some of the incoming 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents to see if we can generate interest that way. But all in all, we have been very successful and lucky to have so many people step up and help!
- V. Treasurer's Report by Stephanie Trogdon: Stephanie passed out the budget for YTD up to today. She noted it is unofficial but the best formats for our meetings. A couple of things are not included in this treasurer report. Our last spirit night was at Blaze and we made \$117.00. The check has already been received. Blaze said we brought in \$575.00 for them but I feel we actually made a lot more. However, Blaze makes the customers show proof of being with Hornsby so you must have the flyer or at least a photo of the flyer on your phone. You cannot "pass back" the same flyer in the line. I also want to note we will not meet some of our budget numbers from last year. We were a little overly optimistic when we made the budget over the summer but with the redistricting and losing several families we will be a little short. However, our budget is very healthy and because we started the year with \$13,000 in the budget we are still at a profit. The best news is we are still spending money

and providing programs, one of which we were able to spend more money on mini-grants this year than in the past.

- VI. Secretary's Report by Jill Dalton: Jill shared the January 14, 2019 General Membership Meeting Minutes. Jacky San Miguel made a motion to approve the minutes and Cindy Carlson seconded it. Motion passed.
- VII. Principal's Report by Dr. Ellison: Dr. Ellison reminded us that SOL's are starting next week. The school website has the abbreviated schedule for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students so parents can be aware of what their day will be like. She thanked the PTSA for such a great showing of Angst and felt it was well-received. Stephanie mentioned here that we are thankful to Ms. Spicer for such a great phone call to the newspaper. The article was well written about Hornsby and the program. Dr. Ellison also thanked PTSA for having Moe's brought in for the parent teacher conferences last week and stressed how helpful that is since our school is so far from any restaurants. She also reminded us that the third nine-weeks is over at the end of this month with spring break being April 1-5 and the last nine-weeks starting when we return.
- VIII. Committee Reports
  - a. Spirit Nights by Stephanie Trogdon: We have two more Spirit Nights coming up before the end of the year. We will do Go Karts Plus sometime in the last half of April. Trish Poulson mentioned Chipotle gives back 50% but we can only do it one time a year. Since we have never done Chipotle, Stephanie will call them and set that up because that is an incredible percentage that they will donate back to Hornsby.
  - b. 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance by Wendy Anthony: The dance is scheduled for June 7<sup>th</sup>. Wendy has seen a few emails go out from Mr. Oweis and Mr. Schaefer so the word is spreading. She is meeting with Kim Dilday this week to get donation letters out. She will need lots of volunteers and will be putting together a signup genius for Dr. Ellison to send out as well. She would like to recruit 7<sup>th</sup> grade parents to host the dance in the coming years so the 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents can be home with their kids taking pictures and helping them get ready. Mr. Contakes said he will meet with them soon to address their needs.
  - c. Mini-grants by Jane Yatzeck: Jane wasn't here but Jill filled in for her. We have provided for six mini-grants this spring. A few of those are a guitar rack, choir accompaniment, and safety mats for inside the doors where the buses load and unload.
  - d. Teacher Appreciation Week by Trish Poulsen: Trish will put out a signup genius before spring break and asked Stephanie for a budget breakdown from last year. She discussed getting a different sweet treat instead of the traditional Hornsby cookies because of the expense. She also asked Dr. Ellison if she could setup tables during lunches that week to have kids write cards to their teachers. She mentioned the ice cream bar did not go over as well as they had hoped last year so she was looking into some other options. She also

suggested asking families to donate more gift cards because the teachers seemed to be very excited to get those last year.

- e. Nominations Committee by Stephanie Trogdon: Stephanie presented the slate of the new board members and thanked everyone for being so willing to step up and volunteer their time. On the slate for the 2019-2020 school year is Adrienne Tropilo for President, Alisa Smith for Vice President, Cindy Carlson for Treasurer, and Jacky San Miguel for Secretary. Jill asked for a motion to accept the nomination slate. Wendy Anthony made a motion and Tricia Poulson seconded. The motion passed.
- f. Anxiety Awareness Event by Jill Dalton: Jill referred back to her President's Report and that the event was a success. She asked for any ideas or feedback for next year.

IX. New Business: None

X. Unfinished Business: None

XI. Our next General Membership meeting will be held on Monday, April 15, 2019 at 5:45 PM in the Media Center. Note change of time from 5:30 to 5:45 PM.

XII. The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 PM.