

Manoa PTO Meeting
Tuesday, April 18, 2017
School Library at 7:00 p.m.

<http://www.manoapto.org/>

https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=manoa_pto

Call to order- Iain McClements 7:02 PM

Last meeting minutes approved- Betsy Berkey

Officers' Reports

President's Report- Amy Kraiza

- 5th grade video committee is asking for pictures for the video. Please send them to manoagrade5video@gmail.com, include your child's name and homeroom in the subject line.

We are looking for pictures of:

- 5th graders only (no parents/siblings)
 - Taken at School sponsored events
 - More than one child in the picture
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- Box Tops - keep sending them in!
 - 5th grade T-shirt contest winner is Jocelyne Knorr! The prize is \$25.
 - Another spirit wear sale is coming up!
 - Track meet coming up – 125 kids this year! We'll bring water, pretzels, balloons, and face paint. Marian Pelton is the contact person if you would like to help! The track meet is Monday, May 15 at 3:30 at Cornog Field at Haverford Middle School (rain date is May 17)
 - Music Night and Art Show is May 2 - it's on the PTO Facebook page and below is the Sign-Up Genius link to help set up the Art Show. Please remember to be respectful of other families around you when you're taking pictures and recording your child during the music portion of the program.
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D45ABA62CA2FB6-hang1>
 - There is an exciting assembly by The Groovy Projects on May 18.
 - Spring Kindergarten orientation is coming up on May 8 and 9, at 5:00 PM; PTO volunteers would be great, to reach out to new families.

Treasurer's Report- Alex McClearn

- 5th grade fundraiser made \$143 from Primos and Bob's Bake at Home sales.
- The PTO is currently operating at a loss and there is a projected loss for the year. We are looking at ways to balance our income and expenses for the upcoming year.

Corresponding Secretary- Angela Urso

- A lot of end-of-the-year events and activities are coming up! We'll keep you posted on the PTO website and Facebook page.
- June 5th is last PTO meeting and we will be dedicating books donated to the library as we have done in years past.

Principal Report - Dr. Ramoundos

- Thank you for the dance!!!
- The new Manoa Mustang costume has arrived and the children will have a part in naming the mascot☺
- The students have worked hard on ELA section of the PSSAs.
- Next week will be Math for PSSAs so get a good night sleep, eat a good breakfast, and be on time to school.
- 4th grade will then take Science PSSAs the following week.
- There has been a problem with toys at school. The kids are playing with them at lunch and not eating. Please leave toys at home.

Staff Representatives Report – Mrs. Stefanski

- 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade post PSSA celebration was water ice last year. There is discussion about providing that again and how the idea originated. It's the same day as the Fun Fair, May 5th.
- Science Fair is May 31 from 5:30-7:00! There is discussion about the PTO running a table with science experiments. The theme this year is The Food Chain.

Committee Reports **Ongoing**

Yearbook - Angela Urso, Marian Pelton, & Alexis Knorr – Everything is great! The deadline is on Friday. Two classes are missing pictures, but the teachers have been contacted. Nuss is a company who said they could do a special insert for the 5th grade at approximately 8 pages (4 front and back) at a little over \$400 (\$295 without covers plus \$125 to add covers).

IDC - Carmen Bilc, Jim Berkey and Kristin Simmons – Larry Feinberg, a Haverford School Board member, spoke about education policy. He offered to come speak at school PTO meetings. He expressed concern about the administration at the federal level not being very public school friendly and he suggests that citizens start paying close attention to what is going on in our state. The property tax elimination bill lost steam, but he suggested it may come back. The pension crisis in PA could also possibly affect our district. H-CAN requested the school board consider a gender neutral bathroom policy. The Twilight Run is coming up this Saturday!

Review - a concise report on your event, what worked, what didn't work, suggestions

Dance- Darlene Gondell and Joanne Yeung-Rader – Friday April 7th 6:30-8:30 and the theme was 80's. The event had games, photo frames, food, and dancing! National Honors Society

volunteers were there to help. The Paint Rock was a big hit. It was suggested to have the dance later next year. Attendance was low this year. The event came in under budget.

Preview –

5th grade fundraiser car wash – Iain McClements – April 29 from 10-2:00 at Oakmont building. Sign-up Genius is below for volunteers, hoses, buckets, sponges, soap, baked goods for a bake sale. We'll need promotional posters as well. Rain dates were not available.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D45ABA62CA2FB6-5thgrade>.

Faculty Appreciation Luncheon – Michelle Scullin and Therese Menear – it will be May 5th in the faculty lunch room. Sign-up Genius will go out for side dishes, chips, desserts, and will add baked goods for the Fun Fair.

Fun Fair – Amy Giacomucci and Amy Kraiza – it is May 5th at 5:00! Things have been booked since the fall. Attractions, movie set up, prizes, etc. are all set. Now it's time for ticket sales! Sales have started online on Manoa's Facebook page. Volunteer sign-up will go out soon! There are also high school students, Boy Scouts, and alumni who volunteer. Set up needs a lot of help and we're thinking about new games for the game wall.

Field Day – June 2nd is themed Passport to the World. This year there will be 14 stations in the morning and 15 stations in the afternoon. The class schedule for field day will be organized around the lunch schedule. There is a discussion about the gifts for the kids. It was suggested to use a Sign-Up Genius for parent volunteers. There is also the idea of letting kids know what color team they will be on and sell T-shirts at the Fun Fair.

Amy McClements is looking to set up a fundraiser at L'Angelo on Tuesday, May 16th

5th grade promotion – Heather Heckler – Graduation is looking great! The glasses are ready. We need help setting up the gym on June 15 at 2:30.

Questions & Answers

Announcements – School Board Elections are coming up in May! Go to the district webpage to learn more about the candidates (<http://www.haverford.k12.pa.us/>).

Adjournment

If you are on the agenda and cannot make the meeting, please email the President. Any item for inclusion on the agenda should be submitted to the President at least 2 days prior to the meeting.

Minutes will be posted to the PTO website www.manoapto.org & Facebook page "Manoa PTO".

Next PTO meeting: Wednesday, May 17