

Manoa PTO Meeting
Tuesday, March 21, 2017
School Library @ 7pm

Call to order- Iain McClements

Last meeting minutes approved- Betsy Berkey

Guest Speaker-Haverford Education Foundation, Steve

- We can apply through the foundation for grants for anything you think would improve the school.
- April 22 Twilight Run

Put the FB link here haverfordedfoundation.org/

- <http://haverfordtwilightrun.org/>

This year represents the 10th Anniversary of the Education Foundation's annual "Twilight Run and Walk", and we are currently meeting with members of the Haverford Township community to discuss this very significant milestone. I am writing you today to see if we can attend your next PTO meeting.

There are three unique aspects to this year's 10th Anniversary event that we would like to share with your members:

(1) In memory of Jane Greenspun. All proceeds from this year's Twilight Run and Walk are being dedicated to the Jane McConnell Greenspun Memorial Technology Grant. Jane Greenspun was the Director of Technology for the Haverford Township School District where she worked for the past 23 years. Jane was a unique presence in Haverford Schools, a person with a genuine desire to help. She left an indelible mark on the district, and this Grant, in her memory, will continue to support our creative and dedicated students for many years to come.

(2) A 10-Year Celebration of Community. This is the 10th Annual "Running" of this unique community event, and we are recognizing and celebrating the efforts of our community and thanking all of those who have participated over the last 10 years.

(3) It is more than a run. To recognize the contributions of Jane Greenspun to our School District, and to celebrate 10 Years of Support from our community, this year's event will be more than just a run. It is an event for the whole family with a few surprises for everyone.

We would like to have a representative from our Foundation attend your next meeting to help make your members aware of this special event. We will only need a few minutes to discuss the "Twilight Run and Walk", and get some feedback and perhaps a few creative ideas from your members.

Delaware Valley Rocks

- painting rocks and hiding them all around town
- posting pictures on FB
- fun community togetherness that's really growing fast!

Officers' Reports

President's Report- Amy Kraiza

- Groovy Project Assembly on May 18th in the afternoon. <http://thegroovyprojects.com>
- 5th grader at the promotion ceremony, there will be a 5th grade video. Please send pictures to manoagrade5video@gmail.com.
- Chair Reports – send them to the PTO mailbox or bring them to a meeting. Just send them in by the end of the year. Alex is getting these available to fill out online on our pto website.
- We've made \$438 for the 5th grade fundraiser. We need about \$1000 more for the mascot costume.

Treasurer's Report- Alex McClearn

- The budget is projected to fall short. We still need to pay Primos, yearbooks, Holiday Fund spending, and money for the mascot.
- Check request forms are on the PTO website and on FB page. They are fillable PDFs online. Please fill them out if you want reimbursement. Please send in requests by the end of the school year.
- The idea has been brought up of starting a Manoa scholarship fund that could be awarded to students when they graduate from High School to help send them to college.

Corresponding Secretary- Angela Urso

Principal Report - Dr. Ramoundos

- Thank you for a great Variety Show!
- Ronald McDonald Fundraiser \$3000 was raised!
- PPSA Testing is coming up About Tab on the Haverford website
- New lights in the library
- Reminder – Please park when you get out to help your kids in the morning!

Staff Representatives Report - Ms. Pelton & Ms. Gray

- Thank you for the pretzel rods for the Ronald McDonald Fundraiser culmination
- Thank you for the Variety Show!
- Mrs. Lavin would like a signup genius (to help hang things) for the Art Show which is Tuesday May 2nd
- Track is starting. Any parents who would like to start a running club in the fall would be great! Other schools are running sooner with parent volunteers.

Committee Reports

Ongoing

5th grade video-Gina Camtrabone

Absentee calling-Kelly Finch

Assemblies- Leila Bannister 1. We looked through the brochure and thought for next year to go with Kindertravels any of the below would work:

African Drum and Dance

Latin Fiestalf not during Kindertravels we thought Recycled Sounds would be great for the kids!

2. author. 3. Game show

Registration- Jen Brown & Steph Campbell. flyer combine with dues & directory ad, site needs improvement or change

Homeroom party hosts & photographers- Alexis Knorr & Marian Pelton

Website-Daria Condo & Liz McClearn

Yearbook - Angela Urso, Marian Pelton, & Alexis Knorr – 183 yearbooks sold. We've contracted to purchase 400, 5th graders get one for free. There is discussion about whether or not this should continue or if it should be a discount. We need pictures! April 1st is the deadline for pictures. There is a nurse sub shortage for the district. If you are a nurse and interested in subbing contact the district. There are 19 full-time subs, but more are needed. Follow the district on Twitter! We're keeping schools safe with the clearances!

Box tops- Tara Brooks – \$1600 so far this year. We're thinking about how to make it more known and create more incentive.

IDC - Carmen Bilc, Jim Berkey and Kristin Simmons – Dr. R. and Dr. Barnet came to talk – field trips are pretty uniform across the schools.

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

Variety Show-Helene Conroy-Smith - Variety Show was a huge success and so much fun for all the families.

Family Bingo Night-Heather Chickery & Christel DiVincenzo – Huge turn out and lots of fun!

Stick with checks and cash next year. PayPal and Square was not used very much. We made \$721. The Bake Sale was also great!

Preview -

Spirit wear (C&M) - Anita Newby - Not a great number of buyers in the fall. We're trying to do more this spring. There will be headbands, sweatshirts, t-shirts, shorts, ¾ length t-shirts, girls' shorts, lightweight sweatshirts, ¼ zip sweatshirts, blankets, and tank tops. colorful flyer/teacher treat, display samples, coops closet, donate out grown, hand me downs from 5th tote beside magic mailbox, for nurse emergencies, xtra art smocks or for less fortunate students, Easter/teacher gifts, item ideas, longer sale dates, b4 field day & field trips, where k & 5th order from & cover cost of their shirts, embroiderer, etsy, Spotify, item ideas, team tshirts);

Nominating-Amy McClements. chair openings & officer job descriptions, nominee info 4 vote, no write in spot Officers can do 2 consecutive years, but need to be voted back in for year two. A letter will go out about nominations and if anyone wants to be nominated or nominated others.

April 5th is Election Day. Variety Show is open, Fall Fair, Yearbook, Holiday Fund, Young Writers Day, 5th Grade lots of openings.

Dance- Darlene Gondell and Joanne Yeung-Rader – Friday April 7th 6:30-8:30 and the theme is 80's. Games, photo frames, food, and dancing! A sign up genius will go out for volunteers to run games and monitor the bathrooms.

5th grade T-shirt contest- Patty Tripler. colorful flyer with back outline of a tshirt, vote after spring break April 10-14, class pictures displayed?

Questions & Answers

Announcements – School Board Elections are coming up in May! Go to the district webpage to learn more about the candidates (get district website!).

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: Tuesday, April 18