

Manoa PTO General Meeting Agenda & Minutes

Tuesday, March 19, 2019 @ 7 pm

**In an effort to respect everyone's time, please keep your presentation to 5 minutes. Many thanks!*

7:07 PM meeting called to order

Attendees list is attached

Welcome

Officer Reports

Dr. Ramoundos

*Thank you to all parents who attended teacher conferences

*Thank you for Bingo Night, enjoyed by all

*3/19 Student Council Members attended an assembly at HMS. Kids really enjoyed.

*3/28 HHS Jazz are scheduled to perform at Manoa

*3/29 Character Counts Assembly Scheduled- Trait is RESPECT

*Don't forget to check the monthly newsletter on the district website.

Faculty Report - Nancy Foreman (2F)

-Thank you for all the books, the students are excited to have so many new books at one time.

-Thank you for the monthly treats that appear from the PTO

-Teachers are noticing a positive increase in communication among the teachers and families.

-Tobie Stallings - Next year, Book Fair update, By-Law Review update, 4th grade Reading Olympics, Teacher Appreciation, Fundraising Committee needs more chairs

*PTO is channeling on the positive. All have the same goals. Tobie will try to communicate better to the Members. Tobie will not seek out another term as PTO President, but will not leave a void if no one is nominated..

*Bookfair - 266 items delivered so far. Library purchased many stem products. 11 items still MIA.

*By-Law Review - first meeting was 3/6 second is scheduled for 3/19 after the general meeting.

*Reading Olympics - Mr. Feldgus has used \$35 for the CRF to cover the \$35 cost for the study guide. Can we look into this for the following years to be included as a line item in the budget? Yes.

*Teacher Appreciation - all teachers will be getting name plates courtesy of the PTO. Will work with the custodial staff to have them hung the week of May 6..

*Keep an eye out there will be a link on the Newsletter for parents to print out, kids can color or share how much they appreciate their teachers. Send back to school with your child. Or make your own.

*Fundraising Committee- looking for additional volunteers or chairs.

Helene Smith - Budget Update, AtoZ change

*\$10,670 to date sits on the budget as actual year to date net Income.

*Expect a few more expenses this year, Yearbook, and other minor items.

*Please send in your reimbursements with actual receipts. Please print out or use the google doc to complete the requested.

*HR Parents - please submit receipts, it is not too late. Appears only about 30% of HR Parents have submitted reimbursement. Kate Laepple Hertzog stated parents had 30 days from the party to submit, this is EXTENDED. HR Parent Leads were asked to communicate to HR Parents, not sure if this was done.

*Jane Boyle suggested maybe HR parents could get \$2 per child. Some parents are collecting from parents and using those funds to purchase the crafts/food. Parents want to help.

*AtoZ - you may now see ads on the directory page now that PTO is with the Free Subscription, which was Called to a Vote. ALL in Favor, Tobie Stalling First, Jen Leisner Second.

Standing Items

-5th grade Unity Party: Jill Wineberg, Angela Urso - Costs \$15/child. Support monetarily this year to be inline with other PTO's?

*Angela Urso - other PTO's are supporting the Unity Party

*George has agreed to fund the party with the Giant A+ funds, he just needs a list of what the money will be used for.

*Helene Conroy Smith - stated if funds are still needed the PTO can look at assisting with any additional costs as well.

*Jen Leisner - stated it seems all PTO's are working on the Unity Party differently.

*Angela Urso - requested that a line item be considered on the budget for next year.

*Jaclyn Reinertsen- do we want to do a fundraiser to subsidize costs with Scrip?

-IDC; Janice Convery, Stephanie Smith

*District sent out the survey - will be open until 4/9. Encourage all parents to respond.

-Scrip; Budget line item - Jaclyn Reinertsen

*Looking for volunteers to assist in chairing or just volunteering to find ways to raise funds..

*\$350 raised to date

Review

-Bingo - Christel DeVincenzo, Heather Chickery

*\$512.86 funds raised

*Current Budget is \$1200 - never uses all of it, maybe plan to reduce it to \$900

*Do we want to purchase snacks and use the funds or continue to ask for donations?

*March date is working out great, maybe just a few weeks between Someone Special Dance and Bingo might produce more willing volunteers.

*Think about creating a bin that can be transferred from Chair to Chair with non perishable chips and such for the next upcoming event.

-Dining with a Cause - Jane Boyle

*All prior events have been successful. \$855 earned so far.

*4/2 Town Tap, will give 20% - must bring coupon with you.

Preview

-Dining with a Cause (4/2 @ Town Tap) - Jane Boyle

-Nominations - Kate Laepple Hertzog - Roll out Dates

*Call for nomination first week of April

*Committee will then contact nominees and get their interest.

*May will roll-out the nominations for vote. All positions are open according to the by-laws.

-Variety Show (4/26) - Courtney Kelly, Ryan Coffey Keaton - Are clearances needed for backstage volunteers?

*108 students / 43 acts

*4/24 Dress Rehearsal, 4/26 night of the show.

*Sign up for practice at Manoa will be 4/8 & 4/10.

*Clearances are needed for all parents.

*There may be opportunity for HHS students to help.

-Fun Fair (5/10) - Tobie Stallings, Jaclyn Reinertsen

*Preview sheet provided.

*Free event and tickets to purchase to play games.

-Disney on Ice (12/2019) - Helene Smith - May I have a check of \$200 to set aside 175 seats aside for next school year's show?

*Asked for \$200 to secure tickets for next years show. Vote called, all in favor, approved.

Other Business

-Member Survey Results - Heather Chickery

*102 responses on the survey, 60% have chaired events.

*Communication and more praise needed for the volunteers.

*Need more descriptions of what the volunteers are being asked to do.

*Events are great.

*Members like, Newsletter, Email and FB.

*Bring a paper copy of the directory back, AtoZ is not user friendly.

*Maybe more attendance at the meetings if offered babysitting.

*People don't have time to volunteer.

-Angela Marchesani - Education Foundation, Speaker Series, Twilight Run

*Earn small grants up to \$1500 for small projects that are innovative and enhance the district. Go to the website to make an application. www.haverfordedfoundation.org

*4/27 most funds are raised through the Twilight run. Fun family community event, please consider attending.

*2019 Spring Speaker Series - 3 more to come. 3/28 / 4/4 and 4/11. More info can be found on their website.

*Friendly competition each year, trophy to prove it, school with the most registered participants will win.

8:22 PM Meeting adjourned.

Announcements

~Next PTO Meeting: Tuesday, April 9 @ 7pm in the Library, HMS PTO will be here to discuss encouraging families with rising 6th graders to join the HMS PTO.

~Faculty Appreciation Luncheon will be held on May 31st.

Minutes will be posted to the website; www.manoapto.org

Any item for inclusion on the agenda should be submitted to the President at least 2 days prior to the meeting;
manoaptohavertown@gmail.com

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Helene Conway Smith

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Christy Kelly

Jane Byll

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Shana Robarge

Betsy Pandian

Nicole Stahl

Jill Wineberg

Amy Kraiz

Michelle Seulin

Jason Van Bataris

Barbara Taylor

Antonio Cordoba

Angela Urs

Melissa Caswell

Angela Marchesani

Allyson

Alexis Pasternak

Tobie S.

Jen L.

Kate H.

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Heather C.

2019 SPRING SPEAKER SERIES

TAKE ACTION: A series to equip parents and families with the tools they need to work through some of today's challenging issues.

Thursday, March 14th: 7 PM-8:30 PM

How to Help Your Child Cope with Stress. An Introduction to Mindfulness.

(For parents of students in 6th - 8th grades)
Bidi McSorley, MD, The Penn Program for Mindfulness
(partially sponsored by the Trent Stetter Memorial Fund)

Thursday, March 28th: 7 PM-8:30 PM

Active Threats: a Primer for Parents

(For parents of students in K - 12th grade)
Michael D. Flynn, Jr, Haverford Police Department

Thursday, April 4th: 7 PM-8:30 PM

Learn How to Better Cope with Stress: An Introduction to MINDFULNESS for Parents of Teens

(For parents of students 9th - 12th grades AND students)
Michael Baime, MD, The Penn Program for Mindfulness
(partially sponsored by the Trent Stetter Memorial Fund)

Thursday, April 11th: 7 PM-8:30 PM

Beyond Mean Girls: Understanding Girls' Friendships, Conflicts, and Relational Aggression

(For parents of students kindergarten through 12th grade)
Catherine Mallam, M.S.Ed., Haverford School District Guidance Services

Each speaker session will take place at:

Haverford High School, Room 126
200 Mill Road, Havertown, PA 19083

Events are FREE

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