

NHUF PTCA General Membership Meeting – November 9, 2010

MINUTES

Attendance: 30 members (based upon sign-in sheets and snack coupons – sign-in sheets were held up due to the overrun of the Exec. Board Session)

1. Welcome by Elise Watts

- a. Charitable Giving
 - The PTCA will be supporting Scouting for Food at Family Pizza Night
 - There will be a Coat Drive at this Year's Holiday Shoppe. Bring a new or gently used coat on your shopping day at the Holiday Shoppe. These coats will be distributed with the help of our school guidance counselor (Mrs. Ong), to children in need of extra warmth this year. Leftover coats will be sent to an organization that serves our local community. Families in need of help providing their children with warm coats can contact Mrs. Ong (completely confidentially) for assistance.
- b. The PTCA is again sponsoring Composer Day, with the help of Mrs. Gallagher and the NHUF Music Program. This year's Composer Day will feature George Gershwin, and will occur the day after the Spring Arts Festival.
- c. The PTCA Executive Board is still working on our review of the by-laws. We'll keep working and bring them before the general membership as soon as they're ready!

2. Chrissy Hopkins presented the Treasurers Report

The General Membership approved the PTCA 2010-2011 Budget. A copy is attached.

During the Treasurer's Report, Joanne Schatz mentioned that we can now support the school by purchasing Kohl's and Giant gift cards through the PTCA. The gift cards can be purchased for their face value, and the school will keep a % of each gift card bought. Please contact Joanne for more information and to order your gift cards!

3. Mrs. Kelly Mason presented the Principals Report

Mrs. Mason presented the membership with recent school highlights. These include:

- A No Place for Hate/NED Assembly
- The Harvest Parade
- Parent Visitation Day
- Red Ribbon Week (a Drug and Alcohol Education Week)

4. Book Swap

The monthly Book Swap (schedule can be found on the NHUF PTCA Web page) is in need of more books for “older” readers, so please send some in you have any available. Please also remember – no board books!

5. Campbell’s Soup Label Collections (presented by Elise Watts)

Stay tuned for information about new contests for those sending in Campbell’s Soup Labels! Elise and Wendy are going to try to give Barb and the BoxTops Committee a run for their money!!!

6. Basket Raffle

The Basket Raffle is March 18, 2011. Each classroom will be donating a basket. The Basket Raffle Committee needs lots of volunteers, so please contact the chairs to get involved.

7. Market Day

Market Day sales are a little sluggish. Please take a look at the sales brochures and the monthly specials and consider placing an order. Proceeds from Market Day sales benefit not just NHUF, but also the Upper Frederick Fire Company.

8. Membership

PTCA Membership is currently 168 members. It is never too late to join! Membership envelopes are available in the NHUF office – just ask for one! Donations are welcome, but completely voluntary when you become a member.

9. Box Tops

From 6/1 to 9/30/2010, we have collected \$1500. Now you can help the school to earn more by shopping at your favorite Web sites through the BoxTopsFor Education Web site!

10. Holiday Shoppe

All Holiday Shoppe volunteers should have received their shift assignments by now. If you signed up to help and have not heard anything yet, please get in touch with the committee chairs.

11. Publishing

The Publishing Center is working on books for the Kindergarten classes in December. This committee is looking for a new Committee Chair for next year – and it would be helpful to have that someone start helping now to learn the ropes. Please contact Tracey if you are interested.

12. Hospitality

Hospitality is providing our teachers with a warm buffet for 11/18 while they work late meeting with parents. They are also coordinating refreshments for the DARE graduation, Holiday oranges for December 22, and with the help of Moccia's our teachers will be provided with a pizza dinner on Tuesday, November 23 (another late parent conference night).

13. Sunshine

Sunshine recently spread some warmth to Mrs. Mason for Boss's Day, and to Officer Tomaselli as he goes through chemotherapy. They are currently looking for a platoon of volunteers to help address Holiday Cards – so please get in touch if you can help.

14. RHYME

RHYME happened last Friday. It was – as always – a big hit with the kids.

15. Spirit Wear

Spirit Wear orders will be coming out soon. All items are black, red and gray. There will be two designs of t-shirts, hoodies, PJ bottoms, knit caps, water bottles, and ornaments. Stay tuned!

16. Yearbook

The students have chosen the yearbook cover. Keep those photographs coming in!

17. Race for Education

The work of this committee has already begun, and lots of volunteers are needed – so please consider helping out. This year we will be looking for one volunteer for every classroom to serve as coordinator.

18. A Note from our Volunteer Coordinator

The PTCA has a volunteer coordinator – Alison Neeld. If you are a PTCA Committee Chair and you need extra help, give Allie a call.

Just in October, Allie coordinated 31 volunteers for 4 different events at NHUF including school pictures, parent visitation, the harvest parade.

She is now looking for 1-2 people to help with the distribution and clean-up of PTCA fliers and mail in the NHUF office on a regular basis, so please contact her if you can help.

19. Want to have more fun at future PTCA Meetings? Help us decide how!!! Please contact the PTCA Board if you have any ideas on how to make our business a pleasure for all of you at future meetings.

20. Guest Speaker

The PTCA Meeting Concluded with a presentation by Rafael Perez, the BASD School Safety Officer, on the topic of Bullying in our schools. Many of the resources he shared with us from this presentation are available on the NHUF PTCA Web page for those parents who missed it.

BASD is holding a session entitled “Keeping Kids Safe” on December 6 at BASH. More details about this event are also available on the PTCA Web page.

Next General Membership Meeting: Tuesday, January 9, 2010