



Harper PTO Executive Board Meeting Notes
Tuesday October 5, 2021 9:15am
LOCATION: Zoom

Attendance - Laurel Nelson, Tracey Fitzgerald, Marni Sheehan, Laura Geiger, Beth Bailey, Danielle Slattery, Kari Darmstadter, Johanna Toppenberg

Old Business

- Approval of Minutes – August 31, 2021 and general PTO meeting approved

President Report: Laurel Nelson

- Conrad tree/environmental - Tree that went down on Thornwood was originally planted by Harper PTO. Working to replant in memory of Conrad Wolski
- Wilmette Theater to offer Sunday matinees that area schools can sponsor and have a fundraiser
- Outdoor Halloween parade is a go with possibly a new route. Mr. Dubnow to confirm
- Girls on the Run can be held this year. Aaron will confirm details. Junior Great Books - still don't know about it.
- Parents in the building - working to offer opportunities for parents to tour, considering offering book fair hours after school for parents only. Aaron will confirm with the book fair team.
- Spirit wear - working with Catherine to get items and payment online in AtoZ

President Elect Report: Kari Darmstadter

- Hoedown update – profits and pointers for next year
- What worked well - Raised \$5k (we budget \$3k), weather was outstanding. worked well that it was spread out, activities felt safe, Venmo was a success, prizes were a big hit
- Opportunities for next year - Will call line was long so considering other options for will call pick up including separate line or sending tickets home with students. Planning to reach out to preschools and neighbors to encourage attendance of broader community.
- Shelly Miller is no longer at Harper, so Kari Diamond main contact at Harper
- Teacher appreciation - Items shipped via amazon should be non sat/sun deliveries. Will update copy going forward.

Treasurer: Marni Sheehan

- Crossing Guards - No longer use 3:15 crossing guard on Fridays. Adjustment to budget.

- Holiday cookie gift for teachers - Planning to continue and add to budget
- Expense forms - Must have exec board signature.
- Hoedown raffle winner - Planning to donate so need to connect with Noela
- Ignite is on track but will send another reminder through room parents

Room Parents: Tracey Fitzgerald & Laura Geiger

- AtoZ communication: How it's going - making it easier.
- Planning to send October email to room parents with Halloween party info, provide any updates you want included to Tracey and Laura. Will include Ignite, book fair info
- Popsicle parties - Considering assigned days for next year. Too many classes at the park at once.

Enrichment: Reported by Laurel Nelson

DEI: Beth Bailey

- Continuing to connect with Aaron, other schools, library and teachers. Ms. Trompe is interested in coordinating
- Planning to check out Romona's upcoming event
- Highcrest Walk Against Hate is 10/10 at 9am
- Communication challenges - looking into using AtoZ to reach out to one grade level at a time on behalf of teacher