

PTO Minutes December 14, 2011

President: Deanna Lashley, VP Membership: Jenny Millican, Treasurer: Lorrie Holekamp, Secretary: Diane Earhart, Member-at-Large: Leigh Anne Lake, Faculty Rep. Elem.: Jay Harper, Secondary Rep: Chris Stevenson, School/Family Liaison: Carolyn Lester

Lorrie welcomed all in attendance. President Lashley and VP Millican were unable to attend.

Motion to approve minutes from last month was made and approved.

Board Announcements:

Treasurer- Lorrie Holekamp provided the following Treasurer's Report:

Checking: \$1,780 Savings: \$18,518.90

Secretary-Diane Earhart corrected previous info that Target's "Take Charge of Education" program actually earns 1% back for purchases and not 5% as stated last month and apologized for any confusion. See Diane for the Target info flyer for further details.

Committee Announcements:

No-cost Fundraising: Diane reported that the Class Labels contest has ended and a total of 4,128 labels/receipts had been collected. 1st place-Mrs Harper's class, 2nd-Mrs. Kramer's and 3rd-Mrs. Beyers. Snack Bags were delivered to classrooms. A tentative date was set in February for the Spring contest.

- **Box Tops:** Janelle, Diane and Lorrie reminded the members in attendance that there are lots of ways to earn eBox Tops for the school by visiting the website at www.boxtops4education.com
- **Labels for Education:** Erin will be submitting the many labels collected from the contest and hopes to have a total soon so we can begin looking through the catalog for items we can use for prizes for future contests and HWAT.
- **Tyson Project A+ and HEB Plastic Bags:** Diane wanted to remind everyone to keep an eye out for this new label redemption programs label and be sure to clip the entire "1, 2, 3 A+". More info on this and the HEB plastic bag recycling program will be going out in January. Boxes for collecting the HEB plastic bags will be set at the Elem. and High School offices.
- **Office Max:** Lorrie said to keep bringing in ink cartridges and receipt info. With the current credit we should be able to purchase a great prize for HWAT!
- **Dauna's Receipts:** Diane stated that 140+ receipts were turned in for November and our check has been received. December's receipts will be worth \$.10 as well so keep sending them in and Thank You Dauna's!

Teacher/Staff Appreciation: Cinnamon Rolls last month were greatly appreciated! Cookies, coffee bar, and gift cards are all in place for Friday's Staff meeting.

HWAT: Lorrie said the Letter to Businesses for HWAT sponsoring went out on Nov.18th and we have already received several sponsorships and prizes! So far we have \$2, 675 collected, with 7 Shirt sponsors and 11 5K sponsors. The HWAT T-shirt LOGO design contest began Dec. 9th and flyers went home with students explaining contest guidelines. The School Board will be choosing the winning design at their January meeting. HWAT information packets will be going home with students in January as well.

5K: Janelle brought 5K shirt samples to the meeting for members to get an idea on sizing. The children's shirts are short sleeved Youth sizes, Women's are sized Slim Fit, and the Men's are Unisex sizes. See Janelle for more info. on sizing. The shirts will be white with green print. Janelle asked Diane if River Oaks Framing is still willing to provide the 1st place Overall and Masters awards for the 5K. Diane said she will double check with her husband, but believes that to still be the case. Janelle also asked if there had been anymore discussion on the medals for age group awards and made a note to get with Carolyn about High School's shop class working on them.

Public Relations: Diane said the Newsletters continues to generate interest from parents and staff alike. Lorrie asked if we could add a "Teacher Wish List" section to Highlight items from different Teacher lists each month. Erin made a note to add that to the layout for next month's issue.

Grant Seeking: Diane reported for Committee Chair, Carolyn Lester, that Mrs. Burns has been approved for a Target Field Trip Grant request! Please see Carolyn for more information regarding the use of the relatively quick and easy to use Target Grants website.

UIL Concession: Diane said this was a great event with profit from the night totaling \$541.85. On behalf of herself and Co-chair Beverly Clark, she wanted to say "Thank you" to ALL the PTO Volunteers, HISD Cafeteria & Janitor Staff that helped get everything in place ahead of time, kept the long day running smoothly, and assisted in clean up afterwards. This could not have been done without the help and support of Everyone!!!!

Announcements:

"Birds of Prey" program was a hit with students and teachers alike. All in all it was a great value for the show and PTO is looking forward to continuing to bring more educational and entertaining programs like these to the school.

Grant Request approved for November/December: Class sets of Magnetic Poetry kits for Mrs. Ellebracht's English class, "Potty Scotty" training aid for Mrs. Walker's class, Renaissance Festival Field Trip for High School, EMS/Anatomy Field Trip for Mrs. Reid's class, 4th Grade Math Concepts Learning Materials.

Motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35pm.

Dates to Remember:

- Dec. 16th-PTO Christmas Gifts to HISD Staff during the faculty meeting
- Dec.19th-30th-Christmas Break

PTO Events:

- Senior Fin/Aid Meeting: February 2012
- Harper 5K: Feb. 26, 2012, 2pm-Harper Park
- 2012 HWAT: March 9th
- Spring Book Fair: TBD
- Teacher Appreciation Week: May 2012
- End of Year Appreciation Luncheon: June 2012