

PTO Minutes October 12, 2011

President: Deanna Lashley, VP Membership: Jenny Millican, VP Fundraising: Lorrie Holekamp, Treasurer: Lorrie Holekamp, Secretary: Diane Earhart, Faculty Rep. Elem.: Jay Harper, Secondary Rep: Chris Stevenson, School Liaison: Carolyn Lester

President, Deanna Lashley welcomed all in attendance.

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

Board Announcements:

President: Deanna informed the group that Leigh Anne Lake has stepped down as Treasurer and Lorrie Holekamp has been appointed to fill the position for the remainder of the year. Also, the Board has voted to adopt a set of policies regarding PTO Member Privacy Information and Emailing practices. Copies of the policies are available for review and more information can be found by contacting any Board Member.

VP of Membership-Jenny Millican announced that the School Directories have been completed and delivered. There are 4 copies still available for purchase. Please contact Jenny at: jmillican@harper.txed.net

VP of Fundraising: Lorrie Holekamp mentioned that we will begin reviewing the 2011 HWAT Business Sponsorship Letter to be sent out in November.

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

Checking: \$1,033.45 Savings: \$18,518.90

Secretary-Diane Earhart announced that as of November 1st, we will begin sending PTO emails from "Harper PTO" instead of "Diane Earhart," so please allow/accept emails from "Harper PTO" @groupvine.com. Contact Diane at diane_delery@hotmail.com for more information or to be added to our emailing list.

Committee Announcements:

Label Redemption: Janelle Peralt reminded the group that we have an Oct. 14th deadline for our fall submission of Box Tops. Also, more members have volunteered to help promote Box Tops on campus this year with class contests and other ideas that we hope will get more families into the habit of clipping and sending in Box Tops for this great no-cost funding program.

No-cost Fundraising: Lorrie informed the group that our OfficeMax Perks account went along way to help offset the cost of printing the Directories for the year! Please continue to send in ink cartridges and OfficeMax receipt info. every month. The Dauna's Receipt program generated 70+ receipts for the month of September and the check has already been received. Classroom competitions for popcorn parties was mentioned as a way to get more receipts turned in. We are looking into a November/December date to incorporate this fun idea! Lorrie reminded everyone that the DirecTV promotion code for our school is: B2844 and the number to call is: 888-388-4724. Contact Lorrie at lorrieh@ktc.com for more info on any of these programs.

Teacher/Staff Appreciation: Vicky Brand is recruiting people for help with this months' gift. She will be assembling it at her house on Sunday 23rd at 3pm if anyone is available to help. Contact Vicky at gbrand@ktc.com.

Walk-A-Thon- Lorrie reiterated that the Letter to Businesses will go out in November. HWAT sign-up sheets were out during the meeting for members to get an idea of the many different ways one can volunteer throughout the HWAT process. From writing "Thank You's" before and after the event to manning stations the day of the event, there is plenty of FUN to go around for those that are able to help.

5K: Janelle reported that online registration is ready for use. Carolyn will be posting the link on our school PTO webpage ASAP. Check it out by following the links to PTO page at www.harper.txed.net

Book fair: Amanda Bennett was unable to attend due to Book Fair running during the meeting, but it should be noted that the Book Fair is going great and we are on track for one of the best Book Fairs to date! The "One For Books" program is also being well received and we look forward to using it more at future Fairs. Contact Amanda at: amanbenne@yahoo.com

Family Fun Night: Diane says the Family Fun Night is ready to go as soon as the meeting ends! Volunteers are lined up for the event and we are anticipating a great night for our families. Look for more information regarding the event's turnout in next month's Minutes.

Home Room Coordinator: Lorrie has delivered Home Room Parent information to Teacher mailboxes.

Public Relations: Diane reported that the October Newsletter is fantastic and has been getting an enthusiastic reception on its first edition from parents and HISD staff alike. Thank You Erin, for a great layout and we look forward to next month's edition. Our PTO emailing list has been completely updated for the 2011-2012 school year. Just another reminder that "Harper PTO" will be listed as the sender on all PTO emails starting November 1st. Don't forget to "LIKE" us on Facebook for those of you who have an account. Please contact Diane at diane_delery@hotmail.com for any email related issues.

New Business:

Motion was made seconded and approved to open the floor for discussion regarding the proposed Bylaw Amendments. After a brief question/answer period a call for a vote on accepting the amendments to the Revised and Amended Bylaws of the Harper PTO was made, seconded and approved. Copies of the Bylaws are available for review by contacting any Board Officer.

Several new Label Redemption programs will be added this year for no-cost ways to generate funds for our organization. Erin Worrell agreed to oversee Campbell's Labels Redemption as program coordinator. Diane Earhart will be the coordinator for the Tyson Project A+ program, which earns \$.24 per label! More information on both of these programs to follow in the coming week.

Another No-Cost funding opportunity has been found in the HEB plastic bag Recycling program. Every pound of HEB plastic bag earns \$1.00 for the group. If no school or club is interested in starting this program then PTO will need a coordinator.

Old Business:

Soccer nets are up to code and we even have extra for future use.
PE equipment has arrived, as well as the Elementary set of balls color coded by grade.

Announcements:

Grants approved for the previous month include: 5th grade Science equipment. Multi sport Elem. playground balls, Dry erase boards for Shorthorn Learning Lab, Classroom set of Metal yardsticks.

The Board has asked that Carolyn Lester act as our School Liaison for the 2011-2012 school year. She can be reached at clester@harper.txed.net.

New for this year, High School Volunteers will receive official credit for Volunteering to work PTO events. VP of Membership will keep a log of students' hours and give a certificate at the end of the year verifying PTO Volunteer hours. For more info contact any Board Officer.

Deanna asked the group to review the "Dates to Remember" and "PTO Events" sections on the agenda and

if there were any questions on any of them.
Motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40pm.

Dates to Remember:

Homecoming: Oct. 28th

Blood Drive Nov. 1st

PTO Meeting: Nov. 9th

PTO Events:

- UIL Concessions: Dec. 8th
- 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