Hope PTO Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2020

Minutes taken by Jessica Hogan

In Attendance: Circe, Jess, Molly, Andy, Jordan, Starre, Jeannine via zoom for a bit, but only for a bit (will work on link for next meeting)

Call to order @ 3:58

No Principal report

Treasurer report

* Balance 3091.21

Old business:

* Vice President position – Tahneta is in!
* Discussion to Zoom PTO meetings. We can do that! We tried to get link, but it was unsuccessful this meeting.
* Molly has resigned from Treasurer position. Still accepting nominations.
* History of PTA/PTO. Cherryl asked if we are eligible to be a PTA again? Who to ask – Mr. Hayman. Molly to check and report back. Status? Possible to be PTA, but requires someone to spearhead and do the work to research. Also requires a full board and we have not been able to fill the Treasurer position yet.
* Membership – will table until we hear from Mr. Hayman re: PTA/PTO status. PTA requires a $25 dollar membership fee.
* Lunch program – This is the first week of pilot program. Any other updates? CARES funding will provide free lunches through the end of the school year. Pick up is tomorrow. Not likely to be beyond this school year.

New business:

* Homer Council on the Arts hosting writing contest for K-12. $3 entry fee. Would PTO be willing to cover? Yes. Molly made a motion to approve. Andy seconded.
* Starre asked what do we do with our funds? Livestream activities possible? Seavey dog tours? Discussion.
* Circe advised to maintain our Title 1 funding at least one family project is required each semester. With COVID protocols in place, the school is not hosting events, but could potentially host a virtual event. For example, federal funding is provided via Title 1 for afterschool projects such as building birdhouses. Each family would be provided materials and zoom training.
* Christen purchased Battle of the books - $260. Molly made a motion to approve PTO reimbursement. Starre seconded.
* Discussion about bylaws. Molly will send out email/link to bylaws to have parents review and will vote to approve them for this year at our next meeting.

Student report

* Ella – grade 3. New to school – really like it and Ms. Circe.
* Scarlet – grade 1. New to school – Likes that she can bring a stick horse to school.

Teacher’s report

* Kids looking forward to Halloween and having discussions about what Halloween is and that not everyone celebrates.
* Currently working on a Chair Project for Moldy Locks and the Three Scares.
* Writing and individualized reading for big kids.
* Started new game in PE.
* End of quarter was last Friday October 16. So – new quarter has just begun.

Meeting adjourned @ 4:24