

HMS PTO Minutes
July 27, 2017

I. **Present:** Rachel M., Susan P., Abby, Alison, Steph, Rochelle, Ann

II. **PTO News**

a. **Co-chairs found for Bright Ideas and Meadow Fest:** Carrie Wyckoff, Rochelle and Jessica Applestone are Meadowfest co-chairs. It's hoped the same three will co-chair Bright Ideas.

II. **PTO Sub-committee Reports**

a. **Yearbook:** Total Yearbook proceeds are still unknown (currently \$807.20) as the committee is still chasing down payment. To avoid this next year, maybe do checks only to PTO; hold the book until paid. A reminder beforehand to parents that they won't get a book unless they've paid. Ann will send list to Rochelle of unpaid accounts.

b. **Garden subcommittee:** This is now under administration. Ann needs volunteers from the Garden subcommittee for creation of the playing field. Doing blast through whole school sent by Carrie, signup genius by Rochelle.

c. **Library subcommittee:** Report postponed. Subcommittee is still seeking members. The subcommittee will orchestrate and sell used books at Meadowfest on Oct. 21, with profits to go to subcommittee. The week leading up to Meadowfest is a Literary Week.

d. **Ride the Ridge:** Subcommittee head Paul Rakov will retire next year, so he's seeking a co-chair this year for Ride the Ridge who can be groomed to take over the event. Contact: prakov@gmail.com or 804-706-8484

III. **HMS Events and Programs**

a. **Barn Dance:** Will probably be a separate event from Meadowfest in November.

b. **Garden Solstice event:** Still being discussed.

IV. **PTO New Business**

a. **Carrie Wyckoff to work for PTO?**

To be decided.

b. **Athletic Field:** Ann Ganter raised

\$15,000 for new playing field. Susan came up with another \$1,000. Another donor gave \$1,000. Bids were coming in way above \$20,000 but managed to get bid down to \$19,000 by taking over some land clearing, combined finishing parking lot with this project, other things like making topsoil onsite. Ready to move on project to have ready by spring, but if don't move in August, can't hold this bid price. So \$2,000 needed to complete the project, and Ann requested PTO to fund. PTO raised about \$5500 last year.

\$2300 given out. \$807 to next year's 8th-grade field trip. About \$3,500 left. Bid for kiln shed is probably about \$200 or so. Rochelle asked about where overflow parking will go, and for this year, it can go on the front field. But next year, that field will not be available. Steph asked about ongoing costs of the playing field. Ann said it gets mowed and maybe build some type of fencing eventually. She also mentioned the field could be revenue-generating, rented out to local groups, and it's used by all students for PE, games, soccer. A problem at HMS is loss of students 4th grade and up if they're athletic and they go to other schools with better facilities. Rochelle said the PTO is there to fund things when the school can't. Steph said the board is strapped, can't fund currently. Ann mentioned that PTO funding has been spread across many areas, from arts, literacy, Hispanic culture, etc. PTO votes to fund \$2,000 to athletic field.

c. **School calendar fund-raiser:**

Calendar is put together for the most part. Rachel M. said problems with usability of some photos. Tracy is back and will assist.

d. **T-shirts:** Will be given out for free

this year, take it out of marketing budget. Outside artist is designing. Laurie heading this.

e. **PTO movie nights:** Tuesday parent

night? We'll have movie nights a few times this year.