

Hauser PTO

Minutes from Monthly Meeting September 19, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Julie Laube.

Principal's Report-Mrs. April Mahy

- Co-curricular clubs start next week.
- Picture day is Monday September 25. Pictures will be taken during PE periods.
- 6th grade Laredo Taft trips are this week, first group leaves Wednesday, second group leaves Thursday.
- On October 11, there will be a presentation by Alexian Brothers on parenting strategies for children with anxiety and depression. "Resiliency and Helping Our Children Thrive" will be presented in the auditorium from 6:30-8:30pm.
- Sharing and Repairing circles are happening in classrooms, starting in Cougar Connections. Students hold the talking piece when it is their turn to speak. Confidentiality and respect are expected in the sharing circle. The goal is to build community in the classroom. The "repairing" piece helps students identify what may be preventing them from doing their best learning. Students will learn their actions affect other people, not just themselves and are learning to take responsibility for their actions. Part of this is learning to apologize in a meaningful way.
- Sporting event attendance rule:
 - Students must go home and drop off backpacks after school
 - Doors will open for the game at 3:55pm
 - Students must remain in the gym for the game-when they leave the gym they must sign out and will not be allowed to return once they have left
 - Only the back door will be open for entrance to the school
 - No running around the building
 - No backpacks or school bags in the gym

President's Report-Julie Laube

- PLT meetings start next week and will be held once a month on Mondays with PTO/PTA presidents from Hauser and all elementary schools and Martha Ryan-Tote.
- SLT kick off meeting was held today and their meetings will start in October. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey, Mrs. LaForge, and Ms. Herrington will be the teachers leading the group.
- Cougar Buddies will start in the next 2-3 weeks and will be looking for parents to volunteer to bring snacks and drinks to meetings.
- New Save the dates for PTO Meetings are available to reflect the addition of meetings on 2/1/18 and 11/28 which are night time meetings.
- The budget was approved and PTO will purchase 2 microwaves for the teachers and cooking club to use. This will be expensed as staff gifts.

- Hauser will be having Hat Days to raise money to help Kingwood Jr High's library as it was destroyed by hurricane Harvey. Kingwood's mascot is also the Cougars, so we will have a Cougars Caring for Cougars or Cougars helping Cougars campaign. Students will pay \$1 to wear a hat on each day of the 4 hat days. The first one will be this Friday. Information will go on the feedblitz. Angela will reach out to the Scholastic Book rep to inquire about book donations through Scholastic Books for Kingwood.

1st VPs Report (Communications)-Lisa Gaynor

- The feedblitz is going well, please encourage people who are not on it to sign up for it.
- Meeting minutes will be posted on the feed.
- Please get information to be posted to Lisa by Sundays, feed will go out Mondays
- Directory is in progress and Lisa is investigating electronic versions that can be accessed on smartphones, a final version should be available next week.

2nd VP's Report (Member Services)-Lisa Hennelly

- Still need a chair for the awards assembly treat
- The special needs liaison will be Mrs. Goodman
- Staff appreciation week and 8th grade graduation chairs are filled

3rd VP's Report (Fundraising)-Lisa Swicionis

- Spirit wear closed today and looks like it did well, no exact numbers known yet
- 100% fund-we have 2 weeks left and are about 50% toward our goal.
- Mixed bags packets will go out September 29 and the sale will run for 2 weeks.
- Box tops-Mrs. Mahy proposed having a Cougar Connections box top contest with a prize for the class that collects the most box tops
- Magazine drive continues and Lisa will send out reminders about that
- Lisa is investigating restaurants that will offer family nights and donate a portion of profits to Hauser.

Secretary's Report-Jill Glawe

- August meeting minutes were presented and approved
- Meeting minutes will now be posted on the PTO feed

Treasurer's Report-Angela Izzo

- Wrote checks for PTO today and insurance
- 100% funds are coming in
- The check for the Music Commission was cashed
- Philanthropy recipients-choir and robotics are selecting their materials and will be using their appropriated funds soon.

Parliamentarian's Report-Sue Gersch

- Bylaw changes were finalized and signed and will be posted on the PTO feed

Committee Reports:

- **Philanthropy committee**-will include the past president, president, 3rd VP fundraising (chair), treasurer, and Lisa G. and Sue G.
- **Food drive**-deliveries to the Riverside food pantry have started, looking for clubs, teams, orchestra or band students to deliver, possibly after school.
- **D96 special needs liaison**-no report
- **R.A.I.N.**-no report

Meeting was adjourned at 8:02