

Tower Heights PTO Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2019

Members present: David Ellis-President, Clint Freese-Principal, Amanda Matthias-Caton-Secretary, Zantia Abeyta-parent, Judy Winfield-Hospitality Co-Chair, Luann DiFilippo-Hospitality-Co-Chair, Karen Gruenberg-Lunch out Friday Chair, Wendy Varhegyi-parent, Erin O'Brien-Free Money Chair, Amy Burr-Vice-President, Brenda Miller-Teacher Representative

Meeting was called to order at 7p.

No minutes were submitted for approval.

Welcome and Introductions

Committee and Board Reports

Treasurer's Report (David Ellis)

The TH PTO is currently looking for a new treasurer. All interested parties contact the PTO president, David Ellis (david.h.ellis67@gmail.com)

Budget for the school year was submitted (see attached)

The PTO tries to spend all the money it raises each year, with the exception of \$1,000 that gets carried over from year to year. Last year a large portion of the money went to the new CARE banners.

Free Money (Erin O'Brien)

The box top collection process has changed. Instead of collecting actual box tops and sending them in, download the *Box Tops for Education* app and scan your receipt within 10 days of purchase to get credit for TH.

Erin proposed we go to Chipotle for our next restaurant takeover and combine it with the PTO provided meals for teacher conference day on October 23rd. This will be coordinated with Hospitality committee.

Scholarship

In need of a volunteer for chairperson. If interested, contact PTO president, David Ellis (david.h.ellis67@gmail.com)

Lunch out Friday (Karen Gruenberg)

Volunteers in place for school year.

Curriculum (Clint Freese)

Clint is on the curriculum advisory council for the district. First meeting is next week.

The first professional development day for teachers is this Friday. The district is bringing in Dr. Lawrence and Tiffany Taylor Smith to talk about the concept of implicit bias.

K-12 math adoption-piloting different math series. Hope to implement new math next year. All depends on the price. The choice to change is driven partially by the fact that there are more choices than there were 8 years ago, particularly online.

AVP (Judy Winfield)

Orientation for Tower Heights AVP volunteers was held September 5th. Noontime tutoring officially starts September 16th. We currently have 19 volunteers. Volunteers work with band students, chorus students, tutor during study hall, and help with class projects. Last year our volunteers worked a total of 493 hours and 23 minutes. 378 Tower Heights students were assisted by AVP volunteers last year.

Teacher Representative (Brenda Miller)

The TH Social Studies team is requesting that the PTO donate \$90.00 to pay the entrance fee for a Tower Heights student to attend the state competition for the National Geography Bee in Columbus, Ohio. The entrance fee is due by September 15th. The Board unanimously approved this request.

Brenda shared that teacher requests to the PTO have declined due to many teachers are doing their own grant writing to get funds for their classroom projects.

Vice President (Amy Burr)

Amy suggested the PTO look into fundraising through the Dayton Dragons. Amanda will forward email to Erin to look into this in more detail.

President (David Ellis)

David is serving double duty as President and Treasurer until a new treasurer can be found.

Principal (Clint Freese)

10 basketballs have been donated to TH for use at recess by Centerville Hustle.

Great start to school year. CARES is being implemented and seems to have a positive effect on the students. Students receive a "CARE ticket" when they demonstrate the CARE message. Long lines to redeem care tickets for prizes as a result.

A speaker is coming to talk with the students about bullying and bully prevention. Clint mentioned that the biggest challenge for students that he sees in this regard is to tell an adult if they are being bullied.

Centerville Noon Optimist has donated 50 books-*The Benefits of Being an Octopus* to be used by 2 ELA classes at TH.

Mid term ends Thursday 9/12. Parents be sure to check your student's grades.

Old Business:

Hospitality asking for more money...for now budget will stay as is, if money is needed it will be taken out of Principals account.

Clint motioned to accept PTO Budget for new school year. Erin seconded.

Next PTO meeting will be October 21st at 7p. Meeting adjourned at 8:04p

