



Orchard Park High School PTO Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 25, 2024, 7:00 PM
OPHS Media Center



Attendance:

Brandon P., Tracy B., Donna A., Karen F., Nicole C., Bret N.,, Tammy V-W., Pam Ra., Maura W., Fran P., Jeanne K

Meeting opened at 7:06 PM

Reports:

President's Report: Tracy Brege:

- Tracy proposed voting to approve the draft version of the February 26, 2024 Meeting Minutes.
 - Tammy V-W. motioned to approve. Maura W. seconded the motion.
 - The PTO voted unanimously to approve the draft version of meeting minutes from the PTO Meeting of February 26, 2024.
- Membership Update
 - Goal of reaching 200 members was met!
 - People signing up for get egged also joined
- Nominations and open positions
 - Society of Science Scholars Reception -which will happen on March. 26, 2024
 - Tracy Brege is chairing
 - Allergy Awareness
 - District has put effort into addressing allergies and providing safe options
 - PTO Board has come up with best practices for PTO events that provide food – copy of recommendations was distributed
 - Tracy made laminated signs that Event chairs can use to identify allergy-friendly food tables (green), versus food that is not safe may contain allergens (red) . These signs are in the PTO closets.
 - **Best Practices for providing food at PTO-sponsored events**
 - When requesting or purchasing food for events, please ask that food provided does not contain nuts.
 - When requesting the donation of food, please include a request for pre-packaged allergy-friendly food items.
 - When putting food out for the event, please have a separate table for an allergy-friendly zone.
 - Please use the signs provided in the PTO Closet to mark tables with “warning signs” (red) for general foods and use allergy-friendly signs (green) for basic allergy-friendly food items.

- Please keep the packaging from allergy-friendly food items, please provide or display this packaging at the allergy-friendly table so that ingredients are available for review.
- OPHS PTO Board
 - All positions on our executive board will be open for the 2024-2025 school year. President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer will all be open.
 - Responsibilities include a monthly Board meeting, in addition to monthly PTO Meetings.
 - List of open positions was distributed
 - If people are interested in shadowing this year to train for one of these positions, please contact Tracy at tracybrege@verizon.net
 - Tracy emphasized that is important to fill the Board positions – need people to take over
 - Tracy spoke about the importance of filling the board and for anyone considering it, to please consider shadowing us to make it easier.
 - Also spoke about the need for OPHS PTO board members who will be involved at the HS for a while.
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- District Budget presentation
 - Members were asked if they would like the district budget presentation at the April meeting,
 - The response was positive, therefore our April PTO meeting will feature the district budget presentation.

Vice President's Report: Donna Aylsworth:

- Need to fill position
- One specific responsibility is maintaining FB page

Secretary's Report: Nicole Avitahl-Curtis:

- Nicole thanked everyone who presented, provided notes and gave corrections for preparing the January Meeting Minutes.
- Nicole reminded everyone who attends to please sign in so that she can send meeting minutes around for corrections and for review ahead of next meeting
- Asked for written summaries
- Thanked Julie Sz for donating letters SENIORS to post prom. They're in the PTO closet.
- Announced QMB Can and Bottle Drive. Feel free to save cans and bottles to donate on June 8th
- Remind everyone to beware of e-mails coming from PTO members asking to call, purchase gift cards or transfer money by Venmo. Do not respond, delete right away. These are scam e-mails.

Treasurer's Report: Karen Fuentes:

- Reviewed the funds in and out
- Post prom – \$150 more in donations came in.

- Get Egged money is coming in
- PTO Board will meet to set budget for 2024-25 year
- Event chairs should provide feedback on budgets – please contact Board if changes to budget for your event should be made for next year.
- If anyone would like a copy of the monthly report, please email Karen at karen.fuentes8888@att.net

Principal's Report: Brandon Pafk:

- First Skilled Trades Fair was held at the school on March 21st
 - About 20 families attended
 - Will hold again next year
 - Attending PTO members expressed support – good idea to give students opportunity to attend skilled trade as well as college fair
 - It was mentioned that All Class Reunion every year gives a scholarship for skilled trade
- Computer Sciences – there was a question about the class being online. How long will this continue. Question about what is being done to return to in person format
- Question was raised regarding the Musical Playbill. Ads placed, which exclude some students, don't align with the District's DEI mission. Mr. Pafk will ask and follow up.

Teachers' Report: Bret Norvilitis:

- Brought in paper bags. Post Prom Committee thanked him

Nominations updates and reports

Tracy Brege presented for Jennifer Domzalski

- Jen has a summary of positions that are open – people can get an understanding of what the role of interest involves

Committee Reports:

Instructional Leader Council (ILC): Pam Rauh and Chris Popek:

Pam Rauh reported:

- Meeting was on March 5, 2024
- Discussion of June exam schedule was begun
- Open campus – there was discussion about the number of open campus periods and accountability for students – determining that they return from open campus when they leave.
- Discussion of history of Open campus – alleviates space issues.
- “Grading for Equity” – discussions about this book which the IL Council is reading. Discussions about how to grade in a way that evaluates students fairly and keeps students motivated and involved.

STAP-Comm: Jeanne Kornowicz/ Kelly Kerl/ Ellen Jeffree/ Julie Szczublewski

Jeanne Kornowicz reported:

- Recognized that students at OPHS frequently think of others through fundraising and volunteering; most recently the Hospice Flower Bouquet sale raised \$1000; there is a Blanket Making Event for those in need
- There has been an increase in student response to surveys requiring feedback when the medium of student email is used
- One student is continuing to advocate for an American Sign Language class to be used as an elective; next step is meeting with District Level curriculum leader
- 7 students were involved in the Kids Escaping Drugs Youth Leadership Summit
- STAP COMM is sponsoring a Spring Thrift pop up after the next STAP COMM meetings well as during school hours April 16th and 17th. Gently used donations of high school appropriate clothing and accessories will be accepted up till 3/28.

Building Effectiveness Team (BET): Brenda Cimo and Jennifer Duff

No report

Central Council: Donna Aylsworth

- President, Vice President and Treasurer positions are open
- Deadline for nominations is April 15th. Please help spread the word.
- Sarah Hornung Wellness Nutrition Committee is addressing policy on allergies
- Question – what happens if all positions remain unfilled?

Post-Prom Committee: _____

Tracy Brege presented:

- Need a BBQ Chair

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Get Egged:

- Pam Rauh is organizing the “Get Egged” Fundraiser. Volunteers will be needed to hide the eggs.

Science Scholars Reception:

Tracy Brege presented:

- Event is 3/26/2024
- Tracy Brege is chairing
- It was mentioned that students attended rehearsal on 3/25 For students who will miss the ceremony because participating in QMB performance at Disney World, This counts as attending the ceremony

Tri-M Reception:

Tracy Brege presented:

- Event is 4/11/2024
- Jen Domzalski and Karry Kazial are chairing the reception.

World Language Reception:

Tracy Brege presented:

- Event is 4/18/2024
- Erin Reukauf is chairing the event

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM

Next meeting will be on Monday, April 29, 2024 in the OPHS Library Media Center

Post Prom: 6:00 pm

PTO: 7:00 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nicole Avitahl-Curtis