PTO meeting 12/2/24

Called to order 7:02pm by Julie P.

In-person Attendees
Julie Peryga, PTO Vice President
Kristy Hebert, PTO Treasurer
Nicole Harlow, PTO Secretary
Eric Larson, HKIS Principal
Dorothy Ventura, HKMS Principal
Kelly Drajewicz
Jen Banaletti
Alison Broder

Online Attendees
Heather Perrson, HKMS Vice Principal
Joyce Waterbury, PTO President

Previous Business
– Motion to approve minutes made by Kristy, seconded by Kelly D., no objections
– Color Challenge:
  - Per Dorothy, Heather P. is very good at maintaining order; would love to have her there next time
  - Didn't have support of the teachers; bag of uncollected shirts that PTO spent about $300 on
  - MS behavior was very poor; no staff were jumping in to maintain order; very little staff support throughout the 2 weeks
  - Joyce W. suggested that the principals set expectations in their staff meetings leading up to the event; even with the negatives, it was a great event
  - Way more color than last time; kids were happy with that
  - IS students and staff had a blast! Eric suggested talking about these types of things at town meetings
  - Didn't meet goal but did make close to $19K after expenses
  - Heather will follow up with team leader regarding MS top-earning homeroom prize

President/Vice President Reports (Joyce Waterbury & Julie Peryga)
  - Nothing to report

Treasurer's Report (Kristy Hebert)
  - Still tying up loose ends from Color Challenge
  - Received a lot of donations for Veteran's Day; about $100

MS Principal's Report
  - Town Meeting: students liked the competition between teachers during Cahoot
  - Musical will be SpongeBob
  - Winter sports beginning
  - Penny Wars starts tomorrow
  - Winter concerts and Telethon coming up

IS Principal's Report (Eric Larson)
  - Thank you to PTO for their help in supporting veterans; Eric appreciates the multiple opportunities for recognition, celebration, and interacting with the veterans
  - Club brochure coming out next week
  - Musical was great! Appreciates the existence of HKIS because 9-11 year olds have

opportunities that they normally wouldn't have, like the musical
- Partnering with HKYFS to show Screenagers movie this Wednesday (with cookies!)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fundraising
- Mud Run with HKYFS this May
- Will need to do another one just for the PTO; possibly Little Caesars or Popcorn; something that requires very little work

Book Fair (Nicole Harlow)
- Setup was today; had plenty of volunteers; took 2 hours; trying a new layout to reduce theft/damage of the small school supplies

Yearbook (Nicole Harlow)
- 5th Grade will vote on the themes selected by the adult committee and student club members

Spiritwear (Jen Banaletti)
- After purchasing, a customer does receive promotions; Jen plans to share on PTO Facebook page if one comes up for the holidays

Staff Appreciation (Alison Broder)
- Brainstorming ideas for spring
- Possibly Ice Cream Emergency; nice to support a local business
- Need to find a date that works for both schools and also includes ALL staff; maybe first week in May (has to be warm enough to be ice cream-friendly weather); Dorothy and Eric suggested 10:30am-1pm as a timeframe

Welcome Wagon (Jen Banaletti)
- Still have some materials remaining

Family Fun Night
- Should do something around Jan.-Mar.
- Ideas: trivia night, movie night, food trucks, inflatables, family dance

Cup Committee (Kelly Draz), PTO Leadership, Bus Driver Appreciation (Jamie Sierpinkski), Cultural Arts (Julie P.), Veteran's Day (Shana Paladino)
- Nothing to report

New Business
- Monday, Jan 6 next meeting

8:08 pm meeting adjourned by Julie P.