

Sept 8 Minutes

- I. **Call To Order** - Emily called the meeting to order at 6:01pm. Chelsea approved, Becky seconded.
- II. **Approval of Minutes (July 29, 2025) - Secretary post on HMS website (scott.heeke@lps53.org)**
 - Minutes were approved and seconded
- III. **Reports**
 - A. **Principal- Dr. Allegri**
 - Building Leadership Team said this was the most positive start to the school year yet. This year's theme is #WorthIt The school is gearing up to start fall sports, the fall musical, intramural flag football and real world learning through the graduate model
 - B. **Treasurer- Chelsea Brotherton/Amanda Schuier**
 - will be adding new membership dollars
 - C. **Membership - Becky Neth**
 1. **Membership report: 97 total, \$1670**
 - membership is slightly down from last years numbers (families 123, staff 35)
 - a) Parent sign ups - 74 (\$1,110)
 - b) Teacher sign ups - 23 (\$345)
 - c) Membership drive contest?
 - Dr. Allegri will email a video blitz for families. Raffle prizes will consist of VIP Holiday Mart tickets, Free Yearbooks and choice of a Spirit Wear sweatshirt.
 - Will also extend the Spirit Wear store link for 2 weeks
 - D. **Holiday Mart - Alisha Heise**
 - Booth costs are \$100 this year (up from \$75 previous year) **/Price increase to cover some costs of new items needed for Mart**
 - Applications are coming in now and will have another summer meeting to discuss further (booths, layout, etc) **/ 90% full, \$8,900**
 - Items needing to be replaced were discussed with the budget. Items include banners, balloon arch, new signage, selfie props, and snow for Santa (and air compressor?)
 - Introduced idea implementing more student led booths at a discounted price. **/ 2 Student booths this year**
 - Briefly discussed Business sponsorship through booths/student booths (STUCO was briefly discussed. This years sponsors are Mary Verssue and Paige Fiene)
 - E. **VP Committees - Chelsea Brotherton** (more to be discussed next meeting as duties are being transferred over from Alisha)
 1. **Conference Meals**
 - Decided to use Meddy's for both conferences. The total was around \$1,200 last time and the staff really enjoyed it.
 2. **Restaurant nights**
 - Paige Farmer is planning/scheduling restaurant nights
 - Sept 9 - Jose Peppers 11-9 **(20% whole bill. Should we bool for Cinco de Mayo?)**
 - Sept 25 - Panera
 - Oct 9 - Culver's
 - Oct 29 - Panda Express 4-8
 - Nov 13 - Red Robin, all day
(Also checking into Chicken & Pickle, Mod, J&S, Sweet Nonsense)

3. Field trips (All Booked!)

- Paige Farmer scheduling
- Dates were as follows 6th grade - Monday 3/3 & Thursday 3/6, 7th grade - Thursday 4/10 & Friday 4/11, and 8th grade - Tuesdays 4/8 & 4/15.
- Joy will book Rush complex **(8th grade)** and the zoo **(7th grade)** and PTA will be responsible for booking Royal's stadium **(6th grade)**.

4. Staff Appreciation

- TBD - bring new ideas **(Previous themes were the 90's, 100 Years, Fiesta)**
- Appreciation banners need to be replaced **(check into graphic store next to Conrad's & Antioch Printing of N. Oak)**

F. President - Emily

1. Spirit Wear

- Store closes Sept 9 - **extend store for 2 more weeks because the link wasn't working**
 - Total raised so far - \$350.72. 56 orders. **(\$500 last year)**
2. Randi Roodman of Duck Donuts introduced herself at Back to School days and said she'd be willing to donate donuts or do a fundraiser.

Additional item:

1. Ideas for boosting PTA membership with staff. It was suggested that a Thank You postcard be dropped in staff mailboxes or a separate email be sent one month into the new school year (9/25).
2. Boosting membership with families suggestions were to reintroduce the Blitz giveaways. Previous prizes were tickets to Above All, a yearbook, and a Holiday Mart VIP pass. Will discuss further at September meeting.
3. Discussed a 'Wishing Well' with ideas being submitted by staff for their or students benefit. Examples included a new popcorn machine, better smelling soaps or hand sanitizers for the teachers lounge, and personal hygiene products provided to students
4. Dr. Allegri brought up keeping the 8th grade dance in February and would book now.

VI. Adjourn