

Meeting Minutes

JUNE 2025



Cold Spring Home School Association

Meeting Minutes 6/2/25

1PM / CONFERENCE ROOM

Attendees

Kevin Cochran, Rhonda Ragona, Angela Cook, Tara Marmur, Emily Kiernan, Leah Clark, David Weller, Mike Bateman, Jill Carothers

Apologies

Brenda Davis, Jen Snyder

Welcome

- Meeting minutes for May were approved.
- We welcomed Jill Carothers to the Board as Depositing Treasurer for the 2025/2026 School year..

Committee Updates

- See attached document.

Financials

- Financial report distributed.
- Angela went through the 2025/26 budget. Board approved the budget unanimously.
- Angela and Leah requested that all check requests and deposits be made by 6/15 in order to close the books by 6/30.

Spring Fair

- Mr. Cochran praised the success of this year's Spring Fair. The Board "crushed it" and Mr. Cochran was very appreciative of all the hard work and planning that went into making the night a memorable one for CSE students and their families.
- Rhonda gave her list of Hits and Misses from the event. Hits included: Lollipop Pull, Gaga Tournament; Lemonade Stand; and Volunteers (we had lots of help). Misses included: Photo Booth - cost \$600 and only yielded 100 tickets; Bracelet Station; Pie-In-The-Face (a hit with the students, but teacher feedback was not positive); long lines at ticket table (it was suggested that

next year we have four volunteers working selling tickets instead of just two); may want to consider doing away with Silent Auction next year, too. It was a lot of work to collect donations and made a quarter of its \$4000 goal. Mechanical bull company wasn't as good as Bette's Bounce so stick with them or don't have the bull. Also, there was a miscommunication to volunteers as tickets didn't reflect what we sold - meaning all volunteers need to be handed a list of ticket prices at the event so they know that wristbands don't include games.

Fundraising

- Due to the increase of expenses with both 5th and 6th grades graduating next year, the Board agreed to reinstitute a school-wide, flat-fee donation pledge request at the start of next school year in lieu of fundraisers.

Board and Committee Co-Chair Positions

- Almost all Committee Co-chair positions have been filled. We are just looking for someone to do the yearbook.
- We have someone interested in the Co-President Position. Mr. Cochran is meeting with them soon.

End Meeting

JUNE 2025 - Committee Updates

Committee	Chairpersons	What's the update?
Apparel	Margot Bauer	t with several candidates who want to join the apparel committee and perhaps it over following next year when I step down. Planning on meeting with them in this summer so they can see the process of setting up the shop for the fall.
Bingo	Leslie Morgan and Abby Cundari	Event complete.

Book Fair	Catherine DeLorenzo, Divya Cyril and Tara Marmur	This year's book fair will take place from September 19th (set-up date) to September 26th, 2025. We have formally confirmed the dates and executed the certificate of agreement with Scholastic. Mrs. Rosencrans and Mrs. Delorenzo recently met with Mr. John Lauricella and confirmed that he will continue the Cathy donation for next academic year 2025-26.
Bulletin Board	Trisha Markowitz	The bulletin board was updated for Spring.
Father/Daughter	Janelle Coller	Event complete.
Garden Club	Dana Evans & Karen Vechionne	<p>Last night Karen and I planted about 21 new plants that were donated by Bountiful Acres, Mr. Andy Eckhoff.</p> <p>The gardens look great and we are in good shape for summer. If the weekly rain keeps up that helps.</p> <p>Is there any chance I can get a thank you card perhaps out of one of the classes for the donation. Andy refused to do the donation paperwork. So I don't even know how he evens it all out. But a thank you note would be great.</p> <p>He donated plants that attract hummingbirds and butterflies.</p> <p>Also this week Ms. Hollenbeck class added some kindness rocks. I love them!</p>
Harlem Wizards	Rhonda Ragona and Tara Marmur	Event complete.
Holiday Shop	Jennifer Fisher and April Shaikh	We now have a co chair for holiday shop 🎉🎉 Kate Tarr will be joining as co- chair.
HRPCoordinators/	Rhonda Ragona	

Hospitality	Lauren Rigby and Mary Beth Tingley	Hospitality has taken over Teacher Appreciation week for this year only. It is usually the board who comes up with the theme, etc, but Mary Beth had a plan and is very talented in the marketing department especially. Her Taylor Swift theme is really great and communication went out to parents last week.
International Night	Marielba Santana and Becca Bateman	International night was a wonderful success. Becca and Melissa did a wonderful job and the families who came out and hosted tables were the real mvp's! The food is incredible. We really do need to tell people, don't eat before you come, as there is always a lot of food. Also the high schoolers who helped set up and did tattoos were amazing. The cake walk was very fun and the addition of relevant questions to traveling made it even better. A lot of the participants were worried as they have lost some countries' participation since last year but you couldn't tell. Becca and Melissa have agreed to do it next year again.
Kindergarten Liaisons (which falls under the HRP Committee)	Dana Hembree and Katy Jacoby	No updates
Mother/Son	Rhonda Ragona	Event complete. Profit of \$600.
Pretzel Day	Fernanda Fitch/Nicole Schilling	We ordered 360 pretzels for April Pretzel Friday. We had 230 prepaid and we ordered 130 for the cash table and we sold out. We're ordering the same amount for May. We'll discuss with Rhonda for June, since it will be on a Tuesday.
Pumpkin Contest	Mrs. Davis	Event complete.
Rebates	Rhonda Ragona	No updates

Spring Fair	Rhonda Ragona	Please see President's Update
Sixth Grade Social	Angela Cook and Janelle Collier	<p>Jenn Fisher and I met with Angela Cook, current 6th Grade social co-chair, to do a social club information handover. We confirmed with Mr. Cochran that he supports the separation of 6th and 5th Grade social committee “operations”. We asked that there be separate HSA budget line items for 6th and 5th grade to keep the money best organized. We shared a google doc with the 5th grade committee chairs to provide next year’s social club event details and dates to engage in good communication between both social clubs. Jenn and I have an email prepared for Mr. Cochran to share with rising 6th grade parents to try to set up parent volunteers now to set our club up for success. Our first event is Kickball at CS and is scheduled for Friday, Sept 12th. We set the date to try to accommodate the 5th Grade club’s opportunity to secure a September date as well and asked the office to tentatively secure Friday, Sept 26th for the other club’s use if they so desire that date. We’ve asked for the 6th Grade social club budget and are still awaiting that information. Please share our budget once approved.</p> <p><i>From Angela C.: Sixth Grade Socials Club is gearing up for our End of Year Party hosted by the social co-chairs, Janelle Collier and Angela Cook. We have been busy planning this culmination of the year and are excited to celebrate with the rising 7th graders! The event will be held at the Doylestown YMCA on Saturday, June 7th from 6-9pm. It has been a pleasure serving as your chairs for this class. Best of luck to the incoming 6th and</i></p>

		<i>5th grade Social Club chairs!</i> 🎉
Trunk or Treat	Rhonda Ragona	Event complete.
CS Superintendent Advisor	Catherine DeLorenzo	No updates
Welcome/ Volunteer Committee		No updates.
Yearbook	Kerry and Dani	<p>Yearbooks have been delivered, sorted by class and are ready for Mr. Cochran to release them to the teachers. There are roughly 40 extras to be sold.</p> <p>We still need a co-chair for next year and a 5th grade co-ordinator which are not being recruited for in the newsletter. I'm not sure if I will stay on if we don't recruit a co-chair.</p>