

Nathan Hale PTSA – 10/19/11 – Meeting Minutes

Website: <http://www.wawm.k12.wi.us/Schools/Hale/PTSA.htm>

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Interim President, Dorothy Riley.

Members present: (According to sign in sheet)

Dorothy Riley (President), Matt Lesar (Principal), Kathy Stawicki, Mike Drews, Deanna Egeland, Joy Geiger, Gena Kraemer, Lori Palesse, Cindy Ray, Diane Schumitsch, Genevieve Skowera, Sonya Williams.

Secretary's report: Brenda Sopa (in absentia)

Minutes from the September meeting will be emailed for approval.

Treasurer's report: Joyce Drews (in absentia)

Treasurer's report was submitted for review. Current checking account balance is \$11,787.60. Budget amounts have been corrected.

Principal's report: Matt Lesar

- Homecoming Week – Activities went well, including Powder Puff game, Pep Assembly, Parade and Dance. Congratulations to Sam Menzia for election to Homecoming Court and to the Senior Class for their Pep Paddle victory. The parade included floats from each grade level and members of the Armed Services. The dance attendance was 900 students.
- Parent-Teacher Conferences – There was a good turn out with approximately 750 parents over the two nights of conferences.
- Parent Connect Meetings – The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 25th at 7:00 pm.
- WKCE Testing – This year's testing dates are November 1, 2 & 3. The schedule and procedure information was sent home to all students. Sophomores are preparing for tests by reviewing in class, discussing strategies for test taking and becoming familiar with test procedures.

Vice President's report: Open

No report

President's report: Dorothy Riley (Interim)

- There are many open committee positions along with board positions for President and Vice President. It's in the best interest of the Hale PTSA to fill these positions now so there will be a smooth transition to next year. Please consider volunteering.
- PTA Council meeting minutes were shared. Special Education PTA (SEPTA) committee meeting to be held on October 26th at 6:30 at the Admin. Bldg. There will be a PTA Leadership Conference on Oct. 29th in Racine. Registration required.
- There were no mini grant requests from teachers. Matt will remind the teachers to apply.
- Bylaws are due by March, 2012. Gena Kraemer volunteered to help Dorothy with the process. Need one more person for the committee.

Membership: Lori Palesse

We currently have 370 members, 82 of which are teachers. Thanks to Cindy Ray for recording all the membership forms and creating a spreadsheet with the new member information.

Hospitality:

- Homecoming – Thank you to Jan Sullivan and volunteers for serving refreshments at the dance.
- Parent/Teacher conferences – Thank you to Donna Volk for serving cookies.
- Teacher dinner on conference night – Thank you to Diane Schumitsch for ordering and serving Mama Mia’s Lasagna dinner to the teachers.

Craft Fair: Kathy Stawicki, Diane Schumitsch, Deanna Egeland

The Craft Fair is Saturday, November 5th, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. All booths have been filled. A sign up sheet was passed around to gather volunteers for set up, take down and admissions. Cindy Ray volunteered to put up yard signs and banners.

Directory: Ellie Allen (in absentia)

Dorothy will check with Ellie for status of the directory.

Reflections: Open

Michelle Flayter, Art teacher, will coordinate all the forms, rules and deadlines with students. Gena Kraemer volunteered to collect the entries and deliver to PTA Council. This year’s theme is “Diversity means...”

WKCE Testing: Open

Testing dates are November 1, 2 & 3. Breakfast items, muffins and granola bars, will be served each day to all 10th Grade students before testing begins. Parents will help distribute and serve from 6:45 am to 8:15 am in the cafeteria.

Founder’s Day Carnival: Open

The Carnival will be held on February 12th at Central High School. Hale and Central will serve food, and each PTA is asked to donate a basket as a raffle item. Diane Schumitsch volunteered to help with this event.

8th Grade Expo: Open

The 8th Grade Expo is scheduled for December 12, 2011. Diane Schumitsch and Sonya Williams volunteered to help serve refreshments and staff the PTSA table during this evening event.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Kathy Stawicki

Next meeting, November 16, 2011 at 7:00 pm.