

## **Nathan Hale PTSA – 12/15/10 – Meeting Minutes**

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

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

**Members present:** (According to sign in sheet)

Dorothy Riley (President), Joyce Drews (Treasurer), Matt Lesar (Principal), Marianne Haut, Kathy Stawicki, Sonya Williams.

**Secretary's report:** Tracy Lentz (in absentia)

Minutes from the last meeting were reviewed. Correction to President's report noted – Academic awards banquet nights are May 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Treasurer's report:** Joyce Drews

Treasurer's report was submitted for review. Current checking account balance is \$10,713.55. The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Expo expenses just coming in now. Report approved.

**Principal's report:** Matt Lesar

- Still looking for a parent to serve on the Technology Committee to review the 3 year plan for the School District. Anyone interested can contact Matt Lesar at [LesarM@wawm.k12.wi.us](mailto:LesarM@wawm.k12.wi.us).
- More than 80 students auditioned for the MTV reality show MADE last month.
- National Honor Society applications are due 12/20/10. There are 101 students eligible to apply with 3.7+ GPA. Will consider allowing students more time to complete the process in the future.
- Next Parent Connect meeting - Jan 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in library. Matt will facilitate.
- A video highlighting Nathan Hale & its students will air on 12/20 as part of the December School Board meeting. Look for it on cable Channel 13 and on the Nathan Hale website.
- Hollywood Holiday Dance, sponsored by the Junior Class – Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7:30 – 10:30pm.
- The Band - Orchestra - Choir Holiday Concert was a big success.
- Over 300 families attended the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Expo on December 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Vice President's report:** Janet Janowski (in absentia)

Nothing to report

**President's report:** Dorothy Riley

- One Mini-Grant was reviewed and approved for Spanish Dept (Bridget Geboy-Helfenstein) requesting \$150 to offset the cost of bus transportation to Chicago for students traveling to Costa Rica next summer.
- Dorothy attended SWSA Advocacy Event on Dec 9<sup>th</sup>. The topics for discussion highlighted the impact parents have on their community in support of public education. An astounding 46% of the state budget is education. Wisconsin is one of five states currently collaborating to form strategies to fix our public education system. Dorothy will prepare a form letter that will be made available to parents to personalize and mail to their legislators.

**Hospitality:** Marianne Haut

The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Expo was very well attended. PTSA set up in the cafeteria and served cookies and hot cocoa. Jan Sullivan will coordinate the Winter Formal.

**Reflections:** Kerry Truel (in absentia)

There were 13 entries from Hale students. A District Reflections Reception was held on Dec 15th at FLW.

**Founder's Day Carnival:** Janet Janowski (in absentia)

The Carnival will be held on February 20<sup>th</sup> at Central High School. There will be inflatables, food and much more. PTA membership is required for entry. Raffle tickets are on sale now – 6 for \$5.00. Contact Dorothy Riley if interested - [dtriley86@yahoo.com](mailto:dtriley86@yahoo.com) .

**Directory:** Ellie Allen (in absentia)

The directory is completed and available for pick up in the main office.

**12 Days of December:** Mary Schmidt (in absentia)

Area businesses donated coupons and gift certificates. Some Starbucks gift cards were purchased. Enough donations were received so that 3 students and 1 teacher's name was drawn each day.

**Scholarships:** Tami Robinson, Lynn Wightman (in absentia)

A third person is needed for the Scholarship Committee. Dorothy will update the scholarship application form on the website and submit this year's application to the Student Support Services Dept.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Kathy Stawicki