



**PTO Business Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2017**

Meeting called to order at 9:03 am

Secretary

Lynn Hare requested approval of the July 10th, 2017 minutes. Motion made to approve the minutes by Suzanne Wychocki and second by Angie Lopez. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report

Fatima Hussain - Request to approve the 2017-18 budget was approved by the executive committee and will be uploaded to the PTO Website. Fatima is setting up online bill pay in order to streamline the check writing process.

Presidents Report

Suzanne Wychocki Reported that the PTO Website is going to be updated. The goal is to make the site more automated, and user friendly in an effort to get more information out to the public.

Committee Reports

Coat Check - Tina Rajan reported to Suzanne that Coat check was a great success at Homecoming.

Directory - Suzanne explained that in the past publishing a Directory was wasteful not only because of the paper, but because people never picked up their copies, so the PTO was left with stacks of unclaimed directories. This year, the PTO will be using the "Directory Spot" App to publish the Directory. This year there will be an effort to explain on the PTO Website what DirectorySpot is and how to use it.

D86-181 Speaker Series - Dave Beener will be posting information on the PTO website about the upcoming schedule of speakers. The first speaker is Jessica Lahey speaking on "The Gift of Failure: How the Best Parents Learn to Let Go So Their Children Can Succeed". All feeder schools are invited. Regular PTO Business meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of those months where there are no speakers.

Father Daughter Dance- Margaret Spitzer reported that the dance is scheduled for March 10th and the theme is "Masquerade". She is looking for a person who can shadow her this year or next with the intention of taking over the position of chair.

Holiday Breakfast- Mariana Giebel and Fatima Hussain reported that the event is scheduled for December 7th. They are having a planning meeting September 29th at HCHS. They are looking for a new Chairperson for the event.

Inside Collaboration- Suzanne explained this is a committee that works with the Hinsdale Central Social Work department to provide mental health services for those families who can not afford them. There was expressed interest from an audience member that they have a group of Freshman mom's who want to get involved with this or Parent Network. Suzanne will be in contact with them.



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Make a Difference- October 13 is the deadline to nominate a staff member for their “great service” which is published in the School eblast.

Middle School Transition- Kelly McMahon reported that they will be hosting two meetings for 8th Grade parents focusing on the transition to Central. William Walsh and Jessica Hurt will be doing the presentation. Kelly is looking for a person to help with PR for the events and eventually take over the position of chair. The dates of the events are tentatively scheduled for mid November.

Parent List- Tara DeGeer manages the site. There were questions about the list and what it is. Suzanne explained that it is a list of resources for Hinsdale Central parents such as counselling or mental health resources. People can anonymously recommend and review the services. The list is found on the PTO website. Tara removes the resources after a set time.

Teacher Appreciation: Kathy Schilder and Nancy Mortinson are the new chairs and are planning on doing something every month except December in order to avoid overlapping with the Holiday Breakfast. That morning they had handed out Apples to the teachers. October 3rd they will be hosting a Luncheon and November 21st they will be giving the teachers Pumpkin Pies. They asked if the PTO could provide a Tax Exempt Costco card. Fatima would be in charge of the card. Fatima agreed to look into acquiring a Non Profit Costco Card for all committees to use. The chairs expressed a need to send out a Signup Genius. There was some discussion as to whether each committee should run their own or if this should be coordinated.

Devils Diner- Suzanne gave a brief description of this committee which is to provide treats to the students in the Cafeteria such as Hot Chocolate throughout various times of the year. The board is looking for somebody to chair this committee.

Next Meeting- Wednesday October 18, 2017 at 9:00 AM

Conversation- TBD

D86 BOE meeting- October 2, 2017, 7:00 pm Hinsdale South High School, Committee of the Whole

Meeting Adjourned at 9:47 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Hare, Hinsdale Central PTO Secretary