

New Hope- Solebury Elementary Schools
Home and School Association
General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2016
UES Teacher's Lounge

CALL to ORDER

President, Deborah Peckman, called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

IN ATTENDANCE

HSA Board Members:

Deborah Peckman, President
Nancy Aguilar, Vice President, LES
Karin Last, Secretary
Roxanne Apparies, Treasurer

Parent Members:

Lori Staples, Dawn Rene´ Sandy, Caroline Elias, Andrea Kearney, Lori Zaro, Julia Swankoski, Alison Dalewitz, Mita Heble.

School Representatives:

Dr. Mike McKenna, Principal of the UES, and Ken Silver, Principal of the LES were unable to attend.

1. President's Report- Deborah Peckman

- A. Welcome/ Introduction- The HSA board and attendees introduced themselves.
- B. Approval of October meeting minutes- Unanimously approved.

2. School Administration Reports- Dr. Mike McKenna (UES)

Dr. McKenna left copies of his "Principal's Report" for meeting attendees.

3. Review Recent Events/ Feedback

- A. Square One Card Art update- Lori Zaro

All of the products have come in, and overall it went pretty well. Sales were down this year with 79 total orders, compared to 137 last year. Could have been because the art project wasn't as appealing as last year's. We made a total of \$1,200.00. Julia Swankoski suggested another company called "Artsonia" where you can order items with your child's art year round. She will look into this possibly for next year.

- B. Kidstuff Coupon Books update- Mita Heble

There were a total of 173 books sold for a profit of \$2,162.50. 250 books were returned, and 46 books have not been returned and are missing. Karin Last suggested that next year we don't send the books home with each child, but only an order form and a link to the website so parents can view coupons to see if they are interested. Last year's sales were \$2,825.00. It was mentioned to possibly replace this fundraiser next year, as many others such as the football team and middle school are also selling similar coupon books. Alison Dalewitz mentioned possibly doing a Family Paint Night, which the Ed Fund is doing in February.

C. UES Trunk or Treat- Ellie Kelley and Patti Lund were unable to attend, but they passed along information that the Trunk or Treat was very successful this year, with 20 trunks. The turnout was better than last year due to the LES Halloween Parade being on a different day.

D. Teacher Appreciation Lunch at LES- Adrienne Deussing was unable to attend, but passed on the information that the lunch was a success! Over thirty items were donated, and the entire staff and many parents helped out. She said a big "Thank You" to everyone for their effort. Any leftover food was delivered to St. Martin of Tours Church to feed those in need.

4. Upcoming Events/ Board Updates

A. UES Holiday Shop- Trish DiZio was unable to attend due to working the Holiday Shop.

Today is the final day of the UES Holiday Shop. Many of the items sold out fast, because there were less items sent this year. Trish had to pick up more product to replenish the shelves. She was going to possibly use any leftover product from the UES for the upcoming LES Holiday Shop. They made an early sign up bonus of \$221.00, which was dropped off to the High School Key Club to go towards an Adopt-A-Child program.

B. LES Holiday Shop- Gretchen Reilly/ Julia Swankoski- Mon. Dec. 12th- Fri. Dec. 16th

Nancy Aguilar noted that volunteers are still needed for staffing next week's Holiday Shop, and the LES Forms are going out today. Unlike the UES, they do wrap the gifts for the kids so the number of volunteers needed is greater. Many gifts are pre-wrapped, so donations of gift bags, wrapping paper, bows etc. is greatly appreciated.

C. Movie Night- Deborah Peckman/ Karin Last- Fri. Jan. 13th

Deborah Peckman asked about whether it should be a rated G or PG movie. She will check with both Principal's to determine which to play. Last year there were technical issues, so Mr. Sasala is borrowing a DVD player this time to use. The movie night is free, and is held at the UES LGI. Blankets and PJ's are encouraged, and there will be snacks for purchase. This is not a fundraiser, just an opportunity for a fun family event. The licensing fee for a movie can be \$175.00.

D. Pizza Bingo- Karin Last/ Andrea Kearney- Fri. Feb. 10th

Karin Last noted that we have to reserve Mr. Marrone and Mr. O'Leary as emcees for that night. This event is open to families of both the LES and UES, and it sells out fast. Andrea

Kearney mentioned that we might just have water as the included drink, as last year was chaotic with people switching beverages, and then they were running low on some and sold out of others. Deborah Peckman asked if the Student Council was doing the Bake Sale, or is it the HSA? She was going to check with Trish DiZio on this. The SignUp Genius should go out the second or third week of January. It was noted that we will need two cash boxes from Roxanne Apparies for this event, one for the Bake Sale and one for the kitchen. Deborah mentioned that the room was set up late last year, as the after care was in there. Karin will ask Dr. McKenna if we can move the after care into the gymnasium for this day so that set up can begin around 4:30 PM. Last year's Pizza Bingo Night made \$1,088.00, and the forecast for this year is \$1,000.00. There was mention that there may be a scooter from the Holiday Shop that can be used as a raffle prize, with entries being \$1.00 per raffle ticket. Caroline Elias also stepped up to help chair this event.

E. LES VP Report- Nancy Aguilar

Nancy stated that next week is the LES Holiday Shop, so please volunteer if you are able. It is an all-day event for the entire week. Also, volunteers are still needed for ongoing Lunch/ Recess duty.

F. UES VP Report- Trish DiZio is focusing on the UES Holiday Shop this week.

G. Co-President Report- Gretchen Reilly is focusing on the Holiday Shop this week.

H. Treasurer Budget- Roxanne Apparies

Roxanne stated that HSA family donations were up to \$5,869.00, which is above and beyond the forecast thanks to the use of PayPal this year. Thanks to Jin Joshi for setting this up.

5. Questions/ Comments/ Other Business

LES Yearbook- Mita Heble

The LES yearbooks are available at yearbookforever.com for a cost of \$25.00. There are a total of 41 books sold so far, and they can be ordered until March. They will only be taking online orders, there are no papers being sent home. Mrs. Lang at the LES has requested nine books through Helping Hands for students in need. Mita said there are more Kindergarten pictures that are needed , and Julia Swankoski mentioned that she just submitted some pictures yesterday. Information will go out in the Friday Flyers and on List Serv to the LES.

Deborah Peckman reminded everyone that Friday Dec. 23rd is a half day, and that school resumes on Tuesday January 3.

The next HSA meeting will be on January 18th at the LES.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 AM.
Submitted by Karin Last, Secretary

