

Manoa PTO Meeting
Wednesday, February 21, 2018
School Library at 7pm

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Call to order – Tobie Stallings

In Attendance – Tobie Stallings, Alexis Pasternak, Alex McClearn, Betsy Berkey, Renee Lawler, Kristin Simmons, Thad McCollum, Joanne Yeung-Rader, Jessica Gondek, Adrienne Henry, Michaela McDonald, Heather Chickery, Deb Politano, Christel DiVincenzo

Last meeting minutes approved – Betsy Berkey approved at 7:05.

Opening Welcome Message – Tobie Stallings

Officer Reports

Manoa Faculty Report - Faculty Representative, Adrienne Henry (K)

- Thank you for Valentine's treats!
- Thank you for the most recent Assembly. It was great!
- Ms. Bowman Field Day will be Thursday, May 31. The rain date is Monday, June 4.

Treasurer's Report – Alex McClearn: Financial Review

- Doing better this year than last year.
- -\$3000 is our estimated end-of-year budget.

Corresponding Secretary – Alexis Pasternak

- Holiday Fund has \$200 left after the banners were purchased.
- The idea of Musicopia for the Kindergarteners is brought up, but needs to be cleared by Dr. Ramoundos.

President's Report – Tobie Stallings

- Nominations for 2018- 2019 (VP, Treasurer, Recording Secretary)
- Call for nominations will go out March 1. Vote will be held week of April 9.

Speakers

Ms. Jessica Gondek - Delaware County's Local Task Force for the Right to Education

- Group that acts as a liaison between parents and school districts to coordinate education for children with disabilities.
- We host parent training sessions and can provide information regarding that.
- Our "Making a Difference Awards" will be on 4/23 at the Haverford Middle School. Students and community professionals are eligible to be nominated. They are being recognized for going above and beyond to help people with special needs.

Ms. Christine Barnes - HHS Blast (and the Delaware County's Local Task Force for the Right to Education)

- This is an after-prom event for the seniors that will take place 5/4 at Haverford Senior High School.
- 90% or more students come to this after-prom event where the high school is transformed into a magical place!
- It takes \$20,000 to put on this event properly. We have raised \$10,000 so far.
- Is there anything you (PTO) can donate to the event? Old gift cards, for example. Can you donate any money?
- The walk-through for community members will be from 9pm - 11pm.

Standing Items

5th Grade; Fundraiser- Heather Chickery, Kristin Simmons

- 2 dining nights: one will be Wednesday April 4 at Moe's. The second will hopefully be in March at Panera.
- We looked at Chipotle, but you need to reach \$300 to get 50%, if you don't reach \$300, you don't get anything.
- Now that there's a student council – maybe they would like more input in future years?
- Maybe in the future, the gift needs to be scaled down – perhaps a framed picture of the graduating class?

IDC – Kristin Simmons

- New president and vice president of the school board came to speak at the last meeting.
- After school club discrepancy – at other schools it's coming from the PTO or parents club.
- In the past Manoa had a Lego club - the issue was where were kids going after Lego Club.
- Twilight Run is May 12 – fundraiser for the education foundation
- A question was brought up at the meeting about changing school start times. Dr. Reusche said there is a regional group for those interested in reviewing this issue.

Review

Reading Night – Debbie Politano, Kristin Simmons

- The event went really well!
- Only 39 kids, it's usually 70 (maybe because of Potter's Cup).
- The event was low key and fun – reading, activities, cookies, and bingo.

Bingo Night – Christel DiVincenzo

- The event raised \$626.37.
- We made \$61 from the Tony Roni's fundraiser, rather than having pizza here in the cafeteria.
- 50/50 also went really well!
- Next year, because of teacher involvement we think we can send home flyers.
- Last year made \$756, so we were down, but not by much.

- Budget is \$750-1000.
- Prepaid admissions were down.
- There was some difficulty with emailing. Some emails were incorrect. Other people just didn't open them.

Assembly - Tobie Stallings

- Wizards assembly was great! The kids had a fun time and we will definitely do again.
- Not sure yet what second assembly will be.

Preview

Dance 3/9 - Joanne Yeung-Rader

- Manoa's Luau Dance Party.
- There will be games, bowling, ring toss, limbo, and much more.
- We have about 10 high school volunteers to help!
- Email blast with sign-up genius sent out to Manoa parents for donations of baked goods and snacks to sell.

Variety Show 4/13 - Helene Conroy-Smith

- The theme is "Manoa is in Hawaii" and we want this to be fun!
- If parents want a paper copy for signing up we can give that to them otherwise we are trying to keep this digital.
- Help is really needed with decorations and helping the kids prepare.
- An email blast was sent out regarding this event and information has been posted on PTO website and FB page.
- Mrs. Welsh, Mrs. Levin, and Mrs. Doll have helped in the past but there is no particular teacher currently connected to this event.

Questions: Can we find out further about past lawsuit and about sending home flyers in student's backpacks? Not being able to do so is making it difficult to build connections with community/parents. Can this be addressed at the next IDC meeting?

Any Other Business

Renee Lawler - Haverford Middle School PTO

- The play Annie is starting soon! You can do dinner and a show. Slice It Up will do pizza and cheesesteaks. Centrellas and Bria and Latella will also be providing food. Event is 2/23 from 7:30pm - 9:30pm.
- The 2nd annual food truck event will be held at the Haverford Middle School on 3/16. Event will run from 10:30am - 3:30 or 4:00pm rain or shine.

Announcements

Next PTO meeting: Wednesday, March 21, at 7pm in the library

Adjournment

Any item for inclusion on the agenda should be submitted to the President at least 2 days prior to the meeting.

Minutes will be posted to the PTO website www.manoapto.org & Facebook page "Manoa PTO".

Respectfully submitted by Betsy Berkey and Alexis Pasternak