

Attendees – 35 members

Jen Young, Kelly Kmieske, Tom Leone, Christine Gilbert, Kim Kratzer, Wendy Brademeyer, David Middlin

Becky Barton, Klayscie Browning, Cheri Elwell, Hugo Gayosso, Erin Gowell, Frances Hargreaves, Michael Harrell, Tahra Harrell, Christina Hasselkus, Lisa Hennemann, Beth Hess, Jessi Jansen, Nancy Kittendorf, Melissa Marowell, Keri Middaugh, Holly Neilson, Monica Rem, Nicole Ridenour, Brenda Settle, Catherine Tabor, Beth Talbot, Matt Talbot, Nilay Vyas, Punham Vyas, Stephanie Ward, Scott Wells, Trisha Wells, Liz Wynn

Social Time

Meet and greet. For about 15 minutes, mingle and meet each other, meet the board, and share ideas/concerns.

Review of Minutes

There were no objections or questions regarding last month's minutes.

PTO Board Elections – *will be voted on during the meeting*

We have one person running for Vice-President, one for Treasurer and one for Secretary. There are two candidates for President; however, tonight at the meeting Stephanie Ward said that she thought that Frances would be a great President and that she kind of wanted to bow out and let Frances have the position – and that Stephanie would still want to be in charge of fundraising next year. We did still however cast the full ballot with this news being spoken.

Treasurers Report – Tom Leone

Goal for the auction was \$4,000, we raised \$5,700. Great job Stephanie! Thank you to all that you did; it's a lot of work!

Budget:

It is an educated set of guesses, and is not set in stone. Anything that is on the budget, we are pretty much approving so that it does not need to be reapproved next year.

We are budgeting to earn \$14,000 next year. We had a bigger bank account balance at the beginning of this year. We had budgeted \$23,800 to spend this year, but only spent \$17,000 – more to come this year.

Thinking we would like to leave about \$5,000 - \$10,000 in the bank account.

Popcorn was not expected this year. It was added as income and was extra.

We need to cut the budget down for next year so that there is not such a huge deficit.

Events committee was added. This is preapproval money and should be made back up with an event such as Zap Zone. There will be times that money will be needed to buy concessions, etc., and then the money will be earned back.

The Treasurer's Report can be found at <http://www.southarborpto.com/financials.html>.

Funding Requests – *all will be voted on during the meeting*

There are not any individual funding requests this month; everything is a budget request.

Budget Approval – *will be voted on during the meeting*

The budget for the 2013-2014 school year will be voted on during the meeting. There are many items to review.

Discussed Items:

Monica Rem proposed to change the amount to \$750 on the Events Committee budget; the amount needed will be less due to income from the events. Beth Talbot seconded. – **APPROVED, 18 yes, 6 no.**

Jen would like to suggest 2 cuts: First, to decrease from \$3,000 to \$2,500 for the House Point Rewards. This was previously discussed with David Middlin, and he did not spend that much, so he thought it would be fine. About \$1,700 is spend on the picnic at the end of the year – then he does give gift cards at each trimester (\$75, \$50 and \$25). – **APPROVED, 27 yes, 0 no**

Also, Jennifer Young suggested that we cut down the operating expenses of the PTO; we do not use that much as a board – but we do have to remember the web page charges and email costs for the PTO domain name. Wendy Brademeyer motioned the decrease to \$625 from \$1,000; Monica Rem seconded. – **APPROVED, 25 yes, 1 no.**

We spoke about Building and Grounds. Jennifer Young motioned to cut the budget from \$3,500 to \$1,000; she stated that it was higher for this school year because we bought 3 lunch tables for the gym. Nilay Vyas seconded. – **APPROVED, 26 yes, 1 no.**

Paying for kindergarten t-shirts had been requested in the amount of \$870 by Melissa Marowell. Upon discussion, it was mentioned that Mrs. Bondy is going to be strict on “approved” jean day t-shirts next year ~ that she will only allow the approved “house color” t-shirt. Also, currently, kindergarten cannot wear their kindergarten shirt during these days. Tom Leone motioned to remove this line item from the budget. Melissa Marowell seconded. – **APPROVED (to be removed from budget), 26 yes, 1 no.**

Field Trip Busses: David Middlin explained that each class is allowed 2 field trips (one in the fall, and one in the spring). NHA discourages field trips. Per NHA, carpooling is no longer allowed, bussing to field trips is mandatory; and yet, they do not provide money for busses. Jessie Jansen motioned a \$250 PTO budget for Young 5’s. Wendy Brademeyer seconded. – **APPROVED, 25 yes, 1 no.** There will be a bus deficit for next school year of \$8,435.

Items voted on as a whole of approving the entire budget:

Jessi Jansen had requested \$90 for the Raz-Kids program for her classroom. She stated that it is a lot like AR, but good for kindergarten. It would save paper because she could use it as homework (to have each student do a certain amount of minutes online). All of the student’s work can be tracked, she can give comprehension questions, students can earn stars for correct questions and then students can “buy” spaceships, etc. with them. Mrs. Jansen can also send students points. It would only be for her class – she really likes this program; this year, the parents paid for it.

Mrs. McKelvey wanted the Scholastic News small mailers for her classroom, \$495. It was mentioned that there is a big push for non-fiction items to be learned.

The budget was **APPROVED** as amended with a vote of **24 yes, 1 no.**

Open Floor

None.

Closing

1. Board election results (the new board will start officially on July 1st):
 - a. President – Frances Todoro-Hargreaves
 - b. Vice President – Thara Harrell
 - c. Treasurer – Cheri Elwell
 - d. Secretary – Nicole Ridenour

- e. Parent Representative – Klayscie Browning
2. Drawing for jean day – The Kittendorf family due to Nancy Kittendorf attending the meeting.
3. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Next Meeting

Next school year! Enjoy the summer! You'll be hearing something soon from the new board.

