

## PTA MEETING

December 2, 2009

Meeting called to order at 9:35 am

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Motion to suspend the reading of the minutes, motion accepted

### **Presidents Report:**

#### **Welcome:**

- Membership – please encourage parents in your classes to join PTA
- Shop and Dine helping hands sheet
- Committee openings – AHAP, Budget, Community Events and Wellness
- Talent Show date correction – K-2 is Feb. 26 and 3-5 is March 5<sup>th</sup>. Rehearsals the Monday before each show
- Movie Day: Date has changed to January 18, 2010
- Please support the Shop and Dine – Thursday, December 3 @ 6:30 pm
- Book Bonanza – Tues. Dec. 8 4-8 pm @ Barnes and Noble. The chorus will be performing at 7:00
- Councilmanic/Ward Districts – VOTE DEC. 22
- HHH Library – Suffolk Homework Help
- Town of Huntington Red Dot Program. Call 351-3173 to get your Red Dot
- Founder's Day – March 18, 2010 @ the Melville Marriott
- HHH Idol Tryouts: for HS West & Candlewood – 12/14 @ HSW  
For HS East & West Hollow – 12/21 @ HSE Tickets available for purchase
- HHH Relay for Life 2010 – Kickoff meeting 1/14/10 @ 8pm @ The Fran Greenspan Admin. Center ( Event is Sunday, June 6, 2010 @ West Hollow)
- Memory Book Cover will be a contest for all grades
- Spring Fling update – April 29, 2010 @ Carlyle on the Green

#### **Thank you:**

- Spirit Wear, Photo Re-Take Day, Gift Wrap, Membership, Bulletin Board, Hospitality, Big Help, Box Tops, Birthday Book Club, Bus Driver Appreciation Day, Website and all other volunteers who helped out!

### **Treasurers Report:**

1. Book Fair - \$3476.00
2. Crumb Cake Sale - \$206.00
3. Gift Wrap Sale - \$4418.00
4. FunBook totals to follow

### **Correspondence:**

Mrs. Levine & Mrs. Kelly – Thank you for “Caring for Cody”

Cory Young – HSW is having a charity Holiday Fair to raise money for children in Haiti on Saturday from 10-4

### **Teacher Representatives Report:**

Mrs. Carlo – the teachers are looking forward to the Book Bonanza and to getting the children excited about reading

### **Principals Report:**

- Climbing structure out on the playground. Waiting for pea gravel or chips before we can allow the kids to climb on it. PE teachers will introduce them to the equipment. Thank you’s for making it happen
- Interim Math Director in the District, Ron Lebroca until a permanent replacement can be found
- Looking to enhance the courtyard to become a place that children can meet for Book Buddies.
- Revamping the Character Education Program to make it more appealing to the students
- Check out new handbook on the web site
- Bus Behavior, Responsibility for Homework and Cafeteria/Recess Behavior were all things that Mrs. Ostrosky and Mr. Smalley discussed with the students last month.
- No coming back to school for forgotten books and homework assignments. Please let them get the missed assignment in order for them to learn from it
- Thank you to PTA for all the support they offer for our own families in need
- Food Drive was a big success and Coat Drive is now underway

### **Council Report:**

- Library came in and explained about the Homework Help Program. Also has *practice* ELA’s
- Spoke about the delay of on-line report cards
- Spoke mostly about the Dec. 22 vote

**Guest Speaker** – Alyssa Taff came to explain and answer questions about the Councilmanic/Ward upcoming vote on Dec. 22. This proposition is not in the best interest for Half Hollow Hills School District. For more information go to [keephuntingtonwhole.com](http://keephuntingtonwhole.com)

## **Committee Reports:**

AHAP: no report

Allergy: spoke about open communication between nurse's and educating parents and children about food allergies

Arts in Education:

- L.I. Philharmonic – upcoming performances and tickets
- All State Conference in Rochester
- Theme for Unity Day – “One Tree Many Branches”

Budget: no report

Community Awareness: Councilmanic/Ward Vote

Diversity: Three people have volunteered. Need to know what we will be providing as a school for the Diversity Fair

Education:

- ✓ Course offering book available online.
- ✓ 9<sup>th</sup> Grade is the core year
- ✓ Online software program to help students with their college search
- ✓ Colleges would rather see a student with depth in one area instead of a student who dabbles in many activities
- ✓ The #1 indicator of success in college is resilience

Facilities:

- Farewell breakfast for Vincent Gello
- Anthony Feedy is the new Director of Facilities
- Applied for Federal Grant and were awarded \$1 million dollars for the Energy Performance contract

Legislation: Information on upcoming Guest Speakers to follow

Nutrition: no report

PRC/Networking: no report

Publicity: website is updated weekly

School Board: no report

Special Education: no report

Task Force: Forum will be coming in the Spring to talk about drug abuse in our schools

Transportation: no report

Wellness: no report

Special Events: no report

**Upcoming Events:**

*December:*

- ✓ *Shop & Dine – Thurs. 12/3*
- ✓ *Book Bonanza @ Barnes & Noble – Tues. 12/8*
- ✓ *Holiday Boutique – Tues. 12/8, Wed. 12/9 & Thurs. 12/10*
- ✓ *Winter Concert – Chorus – Wed. 12/16 @ 7:30 pm*
- ✓ *Hanukkah Begins – 12/11*
- ✓ *Holiday Sing Along – 12/23*
- ✓ *Kwanzaa Begins – 12/26*
- ✓ *School Closed for Winter Recess – 12/24 – 1/1/10*
- ✓ *School Re-opens Mon. January 4, 2010*

*January:*

- ✓ *Winter Concert – Band/Orchestra – Thurs. 1/7/10 @ 7:30 pm*
- ✓ *Movie Day – Mon. 1/18/10 @ Elwood Movie Theater*
- ✓ *School closed for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - 1/18*
- ✓ *Kindergarten Cap & Gown Photo Day – 1/20*
- ✓ *Kidingo – 1/22, 7:00 – 8:30 pm @ Signal Hill*
- ✓ *PARP Begins – 1/25*
- ✓ *Book Swap – 1/27, 7:00 – 8:30 pm @ Signal Hill*
- ✓ *Kindergarten Registration – 1/25/10 through 1/29/10*
- ✓ *Hills on Stage – 1/29, 1/30 & 1/31 @ HSE*

**\*\*\*\* Important Date Changes from District Calendar \*\*\*\***

Garden Boutique: Now Friday, April 30, Monday, May 3 & Tuesday, May 4

Teacher Recognition Breakfast: Now Friday, May 14

Math Fair dates: Now March 2 – March 4

**Next PTA Meeting: Wednesday, January 6, 2010 at 9:30 am in the Signal Hill Cafeteria**