

Henking Hoffman PTA Meeting  
Tuesday, April 20, 2010  
Hoffman

**Attendees:** Angela McCune, Jennifer Kim, Jodi Hiller, Cindy Parker, Lori Evans, Bill Woitesek, Mary Patronik, Ivy Sukenik, Gina Pryor, Allison Olsen, Marcy Pettersen, Maggie Rogula

The March minutes were approved.

### **PTA Council– Mary Patronik**

- Reminder that PTA Council meetings are open and are held the first Thursday of every month from 9:15 – 11:00 a.m. at the Administration building.
- This month's meeting included a presentation by an officer from the Glenview Police Department on Gang Awareness. It was found to be very insightful.
- Discussed the possibility of doing a Drug Awareness program and bringing the presentations to the schools next year? Cindy Parker offered to help coordinate this as an evening program.
- Second presentation by Susan Steele, a Stage 4 melanoma cancer patient. Susan wants to increase the awareness of sun safety and sun awareness. Melanoma is the fastest growing cancer.

### **President's Report – Mary Patronik**

- We are in the process of checking on positions for next year. We have some open areas – need 2 chairs for the Hoffman Book Fair next year, need 1 person to oversee school supplies, one person for Market Day Catalog sales and one person of Assistant Treasurer. Openings will be posted on the website.

### **Membership – Ande Wells (via Angela McCune)**

- 22 families are registered.
- Online registration is now open

### **Benefit Committee – Lori Evans and Allison Olsen**

- Many thanks to Allison and Lori for their hard work! They were presented with green "Masters" sweaters as a token of appreciation.
- Benefit raised \$43,500!
- Discussion was held on doing a big auction every other year and doing smaller fundraising activities on the "off" year. Some suggestions to raise money were:
  - raffle staff donations at the Fall Carnival
  - Pancake breakfast
  - Bingo night
- Sundstroms built the golf holes and are storing them for now. Discussion was held on what to do with them? Use for Fall Carnival? Sell for \$40? Issue is storage.

## **Treasurer's Report – Anglea McCune**

- Reviewed budget handout
  - page 3 – Auction item doesn't include Auction Pay
  - page 4 – waiting for bill from Food Services from Henking Movie Night
  - Hoffman needs to spend their Cultural Arts budget. Looking into purchasing a new sound system
- Encourage teachers to turn in their receipts by the May 4 deadline.

## **Principal Reports**

### **Mark Walther – Hoffman School (via video):**

- Thank you for an incredibly entertaining and extremely well organized “Evening on the Greens” on Saturday, April 10! Special thanks to Lori Evans and Allison Olsen for their masterful coordination and leadership for the evening! Thanks to our sponsors and donors – the prizes were fantastic. Thanks for making available to our teachers and thanks to our teachers for their many donations of time with their auction offerings!
- NWEA testing in reading, language and math begins this week – these results will be shared with you by the end of the school year.
- Reading and Math CBM's will be administered in 2 weeks also to help us assess our students' growth this school year.
- This is Earth Week! There will be daily environmental trivia on our morning announcements. Students will view a video on recycling during their lunch on Wednesday. All students are politely asked to wear green on Wednesday. Student volunteers may bundle the Mylar chip bags for submission to the Terracycle recycling center. Remember, we receive 2 cents for each bag. Students may design the bags for our bio-degradable lunch bags that will be available in August. We will try to weigh our garbage daily in the lunch room – students are urged to bring a waste-free lunch. Bring your old tennis shoes for the Nike Re-Use-A-Shoe program!
- It's also TV Turn-Off Week! The PTA has graciously donated a book for every child – thank you! Special thanks to Melissa Ignelzi for the several pizza and ice cream discounted offerings to enjoy with your family this week!
- Family Night is this Thursday, April 22. No homework will be assigned.
- Author and poet Bill Bucznski visits Hoffman to meet with ALL students on Thursday, April 22. Thank you PTA! This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> literary guest this year to work with our students – special thanks, PTA, for making it happen!
- Congratulations to Hoffman 5<sup>th</sup> grade student, Paul Latreille, for his 2<sup>nd</sup> place entry in the Character Counts in Glenview Essay contest!
- Congratulations to Beth Naulty for being named as the recipient of the Dave Peterson Possibilities Award! This is given to 1 teacher in the NSSSED service area who demonstrates exemplary skills in the field of Special Education. Beth is being honored this morning at New Trier High School. Mrs. Lantry and I are presenting Beth with her award and this is the reason for my absence at this morning's PTA meeting.
- Band/Choir Concert at Attea Wed., May 5 at 7:00 p.m.

- String Concert Thursday, May 6 at Springman at 7:00 pm.
- MAPA Thursday, April 29 from 6:30 – 8:00 pm.
- Our choir will “tour” to Henking on Friday, May 7.
- Parent input for placement forms will be mailed on Thursday, April 22 and are due on Friday, May 21.
- You’re invited to our Open House on Thursday, May 20 from 6:30 – 7:30 pm and enjoy our Book Fair coordinated by Lara Herbolzheimer and Krista Rachiele!

### •Ivy Sukenik – Henking School

1. The benefit exceeded any and all expectations! The attention to detail and coordination was so impressive. Every single person there could not have been nicer – and clearly had a great time! Thank you to the entire PTA for putting together such a wonderful evening.
2. We just completed interviews for the bilingual kindergarten position. We still have a part time ELL position opening.
3. We are in to TV Turn Off Week with a special thank you to PTA for providing the books.
4. We are also looking forward to celebrating Earth Day on Thursday. Classrooms teachers are discussing it with their classes and will be doing a variety of activities throughout the week.
5. Our School Wide Behavior Team has completed plans for roll-out, rewards, and processes for consequences. I will be sharing more details and specific information at next month’s PTA meeting following our next SWBT meeting on April 27<sup>th</sup>.
6. The Kindergarten -1<sup>st</sup> grade transition meetings were attended by about 20 parents. I offered 3 different times to meet. The focus of the conversation was on our 2 looping classrooms in 1<sup>st</sup> grade next year. There was excellent discussion and questions asked. Parents were given the option of opting out. So far, we have about 10 people who have opted out. The deadline is May 1<sup>st</sup> for opting out.
7. We are offering CPR Training to our staff on Thursday after school.
8. Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> is Admin Assistants Day and Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup> is Cooks and Custodians’ Day. We will be celebrating all of the important work they do.
9. Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup> is our Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee. It will be at Henking, before the MAPA events at Hoffman. Parents will be talking with one another to determine what they want the role of the group to be. Ideally, we would eventually like the group to merge with PTA. Debbie Lubeck, the ELL/Bilingual/Gifted Coordinator and Alejandra will be facilitating.
10. May 6<sup>th</sup> Open House, May 19<sup>th</sup> Kindergarten Orientation

### TV Turnoff Week

- PTA has provided a book for each student. Thank you to Shonne Erhardt & Melissa Ignelzi for coordinating this week’s activities.

### Hoffman Book Fair

- Ready for Hoffman Book Fair. Will add the Scholastic dollars earned to the \$6,400 in Scholastic dollars from the Henking Book Fair and decide whether to take the credits or the cash.

**New Business – Mary Patronik**

- Our bylaws need to be reviewed and voted on at next month's meeting – we will use the standard IL PTA bylaw template to be in compliance with state and national guidelines. Mary will get a copy of them posted on the website.

- Nominations for Local School Council are closed. We have 2 nominations for Henking and one for Hoffman.

**Next Meeting (last meeting!): Tuesday, May 25, 2010 at Henking School (9:15 a.m.)**