



Harman PTO Meeting

08/27/2020

Zoom Meeting

In attendance: Rachel Jessup, Sarah Patterson, Amanda Coomer, Carolina Douglas, Paula Hawkey, Sarah Cox (directory and Spirit Wear), Christie Collins, Patty Reymann, Laura Woeste,

Old Business

Grant Requests Updates: Rachel contacted Mrs. Shumacher to ask if it will cover more grades. Mrs. Shumacher said no longer needed.

Nurse: Printer approved and appreciated

By-Laws: Rachel is trying to reach a company to see if they can turn a PDF by-laws to something that can be edited.

Condensing sub-committees: Newsletter committee is something that the PTO president can take on. Social media subcommittee is also something the president or the vice president can tackle on

New PTO website: harmanschoolPTO.com

- Opportunity to include Ads
- Fundraisers
- Option for kids to be absent and populate a list and send it to Harman School. Sarah Patterson will talk to Brenda Casterline to see if Harman is interested in pursuing
- App for Parents; directory, calendar

Emma Butler (Corresponding Secretary OJH/OHS PTO)– Rachel was talking to her and Brenda mentioned that at the High School to see if microphones are needed. Susan Kuntz and Scott Forney have been using some microphones at \$68/piece. Sarah Patterson was going to look at the budget since some teachers are interested and feel that they will be helpful (especially Related Arts teachers). Sarah will get something together and will send information to Rachel. Needed sooner rather than later.

Tents needed for outside learning activities? Not really needed per Sarah Patterson since we have lots of shaded trees and tents are not the right fit for Harman.

Directory specifically Option 2 and Option 3; parents think they might be left out. Christie Collins thinks they should be included/connected as much as possible.

- Printed Directory – we would like to get away from the print
- Online directory – same setup as printed
- Only available being a PTO member
- **Rachel will reach out to those who have paid \$50 see if they don't mind getting a printed copy
- Per Amanda, at least half the people are printed directory
- Per Laura, maybe we can reach out to the OJH and HS to see what their different levels of membership they offer.

Vice President – Christie Collins

Instead of Trivia Night, maybe we can get an auction on private page on FB where people/businesses donate items and are auctioned. Christie has a friend in Chicago who runs it for their school's PTO; she has all the rules/details from this group.

Renee Koschnick and Amy Ferguson are leading trivia night this year. Rachel will send Renee's contact info to Christie so that we can raise money that way.

Secretary's Report – Carolina Douglas

Should we upload the minutes to the new PTO website? Everyone agrees that they should be posted to the new website.

Treasurer's Report – Amanda Coomer

6th grade recognition – Who is in charge and do they know the budget? Laura Woeste is willing to help out and she will reach out to other parents to see if anyone can help out. Rachel will reach out to Melissa Morris, who did it last year, to see if she knows who will tackle it this year.

Adding \$1,000 to the budget for clubs – being optimistic and hopefully things will go back to normal in the future school year

Mr. Forney – Philharmonic (online) will be free this year

Fundraiser – no money budgeted

Playground – At the end of the year, we can still earmark \$30,000 for Harman's playground. Per Sarah Patterson, there is an account from a family private donation that already exists for the playground. Per Amanda, if we move the money then it is gone. We can wait and see how this year goes and we can always do fundraising in the future.

Motion to approve the 2020/2021 budget – all board members approve

Teachers –

Paula Hawkey - Thank you for the smoothies and boxed lunches from DLM.

Patty Reymann – Thankful for the parents for being understanding. Also likes the idea of the FB raffle/auction to raise money proposed by Christie Collins.

Sarah Cox – waiting on the latest digital file from Tracey Hale to use for the Spirit Wear. Sarah is willing to buy and contribute to the FB raffle/auction. Community Partners (Trader Joes, DLM, Ashley's Pastry) a lot of them are involved in Trivia Night that might be willing to help out with our new fundraising ideas.