

Huntley Middle School  
PTA  
October 1, 2007

Attendees: Lori Diedrich, Peggy Dlabal, Carol Lee Duffin, Angie Euhus, Carla Fagerstrom, Bridget Lucius, Shelley Flowers-Smith, Katie Nailor, Many Ann Pinne, Marla Reese, Abbey Riel, Angela Schiola-Williams, Roger Scott, Christina Setchell, Gail Smith, and Tracy Ward

The meeting was called to order at 6:30p.m.

**Introductions**

**Old Business**

**Minutes:** The September minutes were reviewed. Roger moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Abbey.

**Treasurer's Report:** Lori gave a review of the treasurer's report. Shelley moved to accept the report. Seconded by Angie.

**Membership:** Abbey reported there are 46 PTA members. She also reminded us that only paid members can vote.

**QSP Sales Update:** Roger reported that we had 629 magazine orders and 128 magnet books. Our goal was 200 books. 89-90% of the orders taken will actually be paid. This is a VERY high number. If anyone has a problem with their subscription they can either call HMS or go to QSP.com. Renewals can also be done on QSP.com. Our representative, Monty, will be back in two to three weeks to distribute the prizes. He thought we were at about the same percentage as last year. Chris said that because we did not meet our goal of 200 books, there would not be a drawing for a Wii. Prizes are paid for out of our profits. Much discussion followed about ways to increase participation.

**Monthly Fundraisers** (a chair is still needed). Dates and places have already been set for this year. The chair would look for places for next year and additional ones for this year.

**HMS Mixer:** The date is October 16. Roger gave an overview of the HMS mixers, explaining there are games, activities, basketball, volleyball, a dj and dancing, and food. The mixer costs \$3 and is from 2:45-5. Usually a mixer brings a \$1500-\$1800 profit.

### **New Business**

Shelley thanked all the parents who helped with QSP. Roger passed around the Committee Membership/Chairs list.

**Quarterly Honor Roll Breakfast** (a chair is still needed): Chris Setchell asked for volunteers from 6:40-8 am. Chris is seeking donations so that PTA doesn't have to put out any money. Tracey volunteered to contact Sweet Dreams for donations. Roger reported there are 609 students at HMS and that is why students are asked to bring only one parent. Raffle prizes and magnets are given away. Roger reminded us that after the quarter is over, all students go back to being "A" students. Typically the first quarter has the highest number of honor roll students, then each quarter gets a little smaller. If students can't make the breakfast they should come to the office to get their magnets. Students need to bring their golden ticket to get into the breakfast.

**Other Business:** Shelley opened the floor to "open discussion". Bridget asked if Cheseboro could put something in our newsletter about their upcoming Butterbraid fundraiser. Much discussion followed. Space is so limited in our newsletter, it would be impossible to list all of our "feeder schools" fundraisers. Roger suggested making a poster for the Community Bulletin Board and dropping of flyers in the teachers' mailboxes.

Tracey explained how Wright school does "penny wars". Milk jugs are left out for students to bring in change. The money they collect can be used for PTA. HMS Student Council is already doing this for the Make a Wish foundation. Katie asked if students can still join student council. Yes!

**Principal's Report:** Halloween is not observed at HMS. There are no parties or treats. If the kids have to dress up, they cannot use fake blood, silly string or fake weapons. This is all explained in this month's newsletter.

The activity bus stops at HMS at 4 and leaves at 4:10 and then again at 5 and 5:10. It's first stop is at the high school. Students must be a "bus rider" to

use the activity bus. The students are not dropped off at their homes but at certain drop-off areas. There is no need to sign up to take the activity bus. Students can ride it any time.

On October 19 at 1:50 there will be a PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention System) Celebration Assembly. If a student does not have more than one referral they may attend the assembly. The other students will need to meet with a counselor or social worker. Other PBIS activities will include 3 on 3 basketball tournaments and bring Ipods or X-boxes to play in the classroom.

Red ribbon week is October 23-26 and promotes drug free students. The teams make “brick walls” using a brick for every student who makes the pledge to stay drug free.

Parent-teacher conferences will be November 15 and 16. Parents can call to make an appointment beginning October 29. Usually the core teachers meet as a group with the parents. Parents are invited to meet encore teachers too. Call early since there are limited times and dates. Evening times are not set yet but Roger is working on them.

Please let Roger know of any quest speakers we are interested in hearing.

The next HMS PTA meeting will be Monday, November 5 at 6:30 in the HMS Media Center. The PIE meeting will be “HMS Math Curriculum – Connected Math”.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 for the PIE meeting, Inhalent Abuse Prevention.

Submitted by Angie Euhus, recording secretary.