

# Horace Mann Elementary School PTO

## Meeting Minutes

March 3rd, 2016; 6:30pm

Media Center

### Meeting Attendees:

Venus Hurd Johnson

Kathy Rolfes

Sara Yount

Doug Rainey

Dan Moroney

Val Desiderio

Beth Siegel

Gretchen Kenagy

Jenny Ruland

Ann Kreiter

### 1) Welcome and Introductions:

A. Meeting attendees introduced themselves.

### 2) Approval of Meeting Minutes:

A. A motion to approve the February 4<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes was proposed and seconded. The February 4<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes were approved by a voice vote, without opposition.

B. The February 4<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes will be posted to the PTO website.

### 3) Principal's Report:

A. Extra cleaning crews have been in the building to take care of germs from illnesses.

B. The OPEF appreciates the donation from the PTO.

### 4) Student Support Specialist's Report:

A. The PBIS end of trimester celebration will be bingo on March 17<sup>th</sup>.

B. PARCC testing is coming up between April 6<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.

C. The Horseshoe Hooray store will be on March 24<sup>th</sup>.

D. A message will go out soon about the end of the year store.

### 5) Presidents' Report:

A. Enrollment continues for the Mann Summer Math program for students entering grades 3 - 5. A take-home workbook component would be available to all rising 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Students can also sign up for an optional three-week, in-school class (two hours per day, four days per week) taught by Mann teachers. There would be a registration fee for the class. Registration began in mid-February.

B. The nominating committee has met and has a 2016/2017 PTO Board slate that is nearly complete.

C. Bids are coming in for the auditorium improvements.

### 6) Treasurers' Report:

A. The budget is on track for the rest of this school year.

### 7) Programs Report:

A. The MannPower winter session is finishing up. Spring session registration will begin mid-March.

B. The final all-school program tied in with black history month. The performance was on 2/29.

### 8) Volunteer Coordination Report:

A. The Mann Block Party will need volunteers.

B. Winter recess volunteers continue to be needed.

### 9) Fundraising Report:

A. The vast majority of monies from Mannapalooza have been collected.

### 10) Community Relations/Special Events Report:

A. Planning for the block party continues.

- B. Variety Show: moving registration, flower sales, dvd sales, etc. to the PTO website. The online collection of monies should be easier.
- C. The teacher's luncheon went well.
- D. The fifth grade transition ceremony planning continues.

**11) Green Initiative:**

- A. On Earth Day, a native plant seed program will be installed on the East side of the playground on the Kenilworth side and outside of Mrs. Pecora's classroom.
- B. May 4<sup>th</sup> is walk/bike to school day. The fire department is coming to talk about helmet safety.

**12) Other Business:**

- A. The 1,000,000 minute reading challenge is finishing up. The school prize is a trip to see "Zootopia" for 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> graders. K-1<sup>st</sup> graders will see a movie in the school auditorium.

**12) Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

Minutes prepared by Sara Yount