

- I. Call Meeting to Order and Welcome**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Reading of Minutes**
 - a. Approved Minutes from May Meeting
- IV. Report of Officers**
 - a. President's Report**
 - i. None at this time.
 - b. Treasurer's Report**
 - i. PTA plans to be frugal at the beginning of this year.
 - ii. Plans to save money to purchase a stage and to offer grant money for teachers.
 - iii. Funds have been used to purchase a Picture Presenter rack and calendar magnets.
 - iv. Budget is online with descriptions.
 - c. Membership Report**
 - i. Currently, there are 206 members.
 - ii. The goal is 10% of last year's membership, which would be 306 members for the 2010-2011 school year.
 - d. Principal's Introduction and Report**
 - i. Principal Mindy Reiner was introduced.
 - ii. Thank you to teachers in attendance.
 - iii. Thank you to PTA and committee chairs.
 - iv. MAP testing for grades 2-5 will assess child and plan for growth.
 - v. District financial problems continue and lead to difficult choices for the district. Will use PTA support to regain some of those district programs, which were cut.
 - vi. Please keep attending PTA meetings and voicing your opinions.
- V. Introduction of Dr. Dan O'Donnell, Superintendent and Guest Speaker**
 - i. Board had to cut four million in expenses last year and ten million this year.
 - ii. District still waiting for four million in funds from the State of Illinois, which provides 37% of the district's revenue, for last year's budget.
 - iii. At this point, district has a balanced budget as long as the state continues its funding payments.
 - iv. Superintendent has to look towards the district's future with projected growth and developed 20/20 vision, which needs approval from the school board.
 - 1. Expand full-day Kindergarten at more centers for 2011-2012 with the long-term goal of offering it at all home schools by 2013-2014.
 - 2. Build a third high-school to open in 2014-2015.
 - v. Dr. O'Donnell answered questions from the membership.

Report of Committees

- a. Fifth Grade Bash**
 - i. Fifth Grade Bash will be held on May 21, 2011, 7:30 pm to 12:00 am, at Rush Copley Healthplex.
- b. Basket Raffle**
 - i. None at this time.
- c. Beautification**
 - i. Fall Beautification clean-up will be on Saturday, November 6, 2010.
 - ii. Volunteers will clean-up the outside of the school.
- d. Cambell's, BoxTops & Tyson**
 - i. Please check Virtual Backpack this Friday for additional information.

- ii. Please send boxtops and labels in a bag with the child's name and teacher's name written on the bag.
- e. **Directory**
 - i. Papers went home on Friday for parents to send in their child's information to be added to the directory.
 - ii. Art entries are due on Wednesday, September 15.
- f. **Field Day**
 - i. Field Day will be held on May 27, 2011 and incorporate the Homestead Rocks theme.
- g. **Fun Fair**
 - i. Fun Fair will be held on Saturday, March 5, 2011.
- h. **Fundraising**
 - i. Packets will come home on Friday, September 10 and need to be turned in on October 1.
 - ii. Last year's profit was only \$4500. Goal for this year is \$10,000.
- i. **Green Team**
 - i. Goal is to reduce, reuse and recycle.
 - 1. Encourage waste-free Wednesdays.
 - 2. Recycle old gym shoes.
 - 3. Collect extra school supplies at the end of the year to reuse/donate.
 - ii. Educate the students and community on ways to reduce, reuse and recycle.
- j. **Health and Safety**
 - i. Walk to School events on October 6, 2010 and April 6, 2011.
- k. **HEY Classes**
 - i. Expand HEY class offerings and sessions:
 - 1. One twelve week session beginning in September until December.
 - 2. Or, two six week sessions beginning in September until October and November until December.
 - ii. Send students with a Change of Transportation Form to turn into the office.
 - iii. Need a separate check for each child for each class.
 - iv. HEY pick-up will run the same way as the daily student pick-up line.
- l. **Holiday Shoppe**
 - i. Holiday Shoppe will be held on Saturday, December 11, 2010 at 10:00 am.
 - 1. Students can shop in the gym, while parents eat food in the multi-purpose room.
- m. **Hospitality**
 - i. One day each month will provide treats for teachers' birthdays.
 - ii. Committee chair will send email to volunteers one week prior asking for donations of baked goods and drinks.
 - iii. Committee will also provide food for teachers and staff during Parent-Teacher Conferences.
- n. **Husky Hustle**
 - i. Husky Hustle will be held on Saturday, April 30, 2011.
 - ii. Registered with CARA for the 5k and 1 mile and USA track and field certified.
 - iii. Will have a Health and Wellness Expo after the race.
- o. **Market Day**
 - i. Market Day is a monthly grocery fundraiser, in which 10% of orders placed comes back to the PTA for the school.
 - ii. New Market Day ordering and pick-up dates are at the end of the month, instead of the beginning of the month as with previous years.

- iii. Orders for September need to be in by Friday, September 17. Orders can be placed online by Monday, September 20. Orders need to be picked up at 6:00 on Thursday, September 23.
- iv. Volunteers are needed to help with order delivery and distribution at 5:00.
- v. Will run Pennies for Pies coin collection to purchase pies for food pantry.
- vi. If ordering Juicy Juice boxes from Market Day, there is a boxtop on each individual box.

p. Membership

- i. There are currently 206 members.

q. Nominating Committee

- i. Nominating Committee chair is Kelly Halder.
- ii. Anyone interested in serving on the Executive Board for next school year can attend the PTA convention or take classes online.

r. Spirit Wear

- i. Order forms will come home on Friday, September 24 and are due October 4.
- ii. Spirit Wear will come in at the end of October.

s. Photography

- i. Please send Angie any pictures taken of school events during the year as they will be posted online and possibly in the yearbook.

t. Picture Presenter

- i. Picture Presenter is an art appreciation program, which runs October through May in each classroom for 20-30 minutes each month.
- ii. There are many volunteer opportunities. Check the PTA website for current openings.

u. Publishing Center

- i. None at this time.

v. Reflections

- i. Theme for this year is “Together We Can ...”
- ii. Look for additional information in Virtual Backpack.
- iii. Students can submit works in literature, film, choreography, photography and art.
- iv. All participants will be recognized at end of the year student awards.

w. Room Reps

- i. Sheets went home asking for parent volunteers to be head room parents and room reps.

x. Virtual Backpack

- i. Most school communication to parents comes through virtual backpack.
- ii. Contact chair, Vanessa Wakem, to submit something for VBP by Wednesday each week. If submission is long, submit it as an attachment. If it is short, email it to her.

y. Website Webmaster

- i. The PTA website is www.homesteadpta.org

VII. New Business

a. OPAC – Crystal Alperin

- i. OPAC is the Oswego Parent Advisory Council, whose
 - 1. Mission is to establish two-way communication between the district and parents.
 - 2. Each school in district 308 has at least two representatives. For Homestead Elementary, they are Crystal Alperin and Joanne Laird.
- ii. Register for Communicate 308 to get current district information, newsletters, district events and emergency bulletins.
- iii. Call or email board members to give your opinion on all-day kindergarten and building a third high school.

- b. Three for Me**
 - i. Encourage all to volunteer three hours to the school.
 - ii. Fill out Three for Me forms to streamline the volunteer process.
- c. Transportation Procedures**
 - i. Parent Pick-up Line remains the safest and most effective way to drop off and pick up students.
 - ii. Please do not park your vehicle where it is painted yellow on the curb.
- d. Restaurant Nights**
 - i. The third Wednesday of every month remains Culver's night for Homestead.
 - ii. PTA will try to coordinate other restaurant nights for the future.
- e. Committee Chair List 2010-11**
 - i. Committee chair list for 2010-2011 was discussed.
 - 1. Chairpersons needed for Yearbook/Photography and Holiday Shoppe.
- f. Three for Me Program**
 - i. Next year, National PTA introducing a new Three for Me Program to encourage volunteerism. Homestead PTA will adopt it as well for 2010-2011 year.

VIII. Announcements

- a. Refer to meeting agenda, Virtual Backpack and website for dates and times.

IX. Adjournment