

Hugo and Oneka PTA - Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2018 - 6:00pm Hugo

Call to order at 6:02; Quorum Met

Board Members and District Attendees in Attendance: Jason Healy - Hugo Principal, Angela Thompson - President, Cassandra Gomez - Vice President, Katie Jones - Secretary, Toni Brandvold - Treasurer, Ellen Fahey - School Board Representative

PTA Member Attendees: Kristi Beck, Christi Anthony, Kari Milhofer, Bridget Peterson, Lauren Schleicher, Melissa Steussy, Ethan Carruthers

Non Member Attendees: Megan Majerle, Abigail Snyder, Stephanie Lohmann, Karen Trafton, Maranda Vollman, Stefanie Currier

1. President's Welcome & Introductions

- Introductions - shared names and children's grades/teachers

2. Secretary's Report – approve September meeting minutes

- motion made by Jason Healy
- seconded by Angela Thompson
- September minutes were approved.

3. Treasurer's Report

- Bridget
 - budgeted \$20,000 for Color Run - \$2,000 short
 - more info to come as we transition into a new board member role
- motion to approve the budget made by Kristi Beck
- Angela Thompson seconded with the change of bingo to reflect casino night as an event listed on the financial report for 2018-2019 with a \$4,000 budget
- PTA members approved

4. Principal's Report

- Jason Healy - Hugo Principal
 - Media Center
 - updated
 - painted by a few staff for a lot less than quoted
 - high school students are painting murals to add
 - flexible seating
 - fun, inviting space
 - Goats
 - kids loved & the goats provided an extremely important service:
 - removed buckthorn
 - removed poison ivy
 - removed other invasive species like garlic mustard
 - a lot of trash left behind (plan to clean up)

- Wargo Nature center coming soon - area will be used
 - Conference sign-up coming in Skyward
- Terry Dahlem - Oneka Principal - not in attendance (sick)

Ellen Fahey (spoke about Facility Planning in Terry's absence)

- met for the first time last week
 - All info is public (<https://tinyurl.com/y73aecwd>)
- demographer's report and projections
- working toward proposing findings to the school board in January
- audio of the work study available on the website
- Brian Behr - city of Hugo tour
 - both Jason and Ellen recommend going - learn A LOT!

5. **President's Report**

- Nothing specific to report; to give update on Casino night during committee reports.

6. **Fill Open Positions**

- Co-Treasurer
 - Lauren Schleicher (mother of three students) and banking experience
 - nominated by Katie Jones
 - seconded by Jason Healy
 - members approved and voted on board
 - Welcome, Lauren!

7. **Committee Chair Reports**

- Fall Fundraiser - Kristi Beck
 - no final numbers yet (waiting for numbers from Cherrydale)
 - \$25,000 projected target - should be close to that
 - will have final numbers to report at November meeting
 - Sign-up Genius link:
 - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080548ACA729A46-2018>
 - Thursday, November 1st
 - volunteers to unload pallets and organize goods
 - help with pick up starting at 3:45
- Box Tops - Katie Solem
 - committee working on organizing and counting box tops collected in September and October
 - first submission due November 1st
 - classroom contest will run Dec. 1st - Jan. 31st
 - box tops collected all year will count towards this contest
 - information to go home to families in November
 - committee meeting next week to work on submission and decide contest theme and prizes
- Book Fair - Kari Milhofer
 - Enchanted Forest theme - looking from someone to make a few posters

- held Nov. 5-8th at Oneka for both schools
 - book donations for all teachers
 - Sign-up Genius link:
 - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4da9ab23aaf58-oneka3>
- Yearbook - Kristi Beck
 - collecting photos from big events
 - communication needed to teachers about putting classroom photos in folders
 - request made to Jason to communicate to teachers
 - LifeTouch will send out information to order, but look for informative email from the PTA about ordering in February ~\$18
 - Angela Thompson brought up the fact that the Birch Lake PTA budgets to fund yearbooks for 5th grade students who do not purchase to make sure every 5th grade student leaves their elementary experience with a yearbook.
 - looking into if we might want to do something - connect with Terry
 - we do order extras
- Casino Night - Angela Thompson
 - to be held March 29th at the Hugo American Legion from 7-11 pm
 - Blackjack and Poker are only allowed in MN
 - looking into other non-“gambling” events
 - silent auction
 - classroom baskets
 - one from each class or grade?
 - Discussion from Jason and Katie suggesting that classes usually get really into the basket theme and have a lot of fun with this - one per class probably doable
 - suggestion made to include extended day in basket making
 - Connected with Kane’s - catering company
 - suggestion by Christi Anthony to look into Donatelli’s
 - supportive of our schools
 - looking for appetizers/desserts; not meal
 - \$200 deal from the Legion to rent the space for the evening
 - looking to form a committee (5-6 people)
 - help find donors, sponsors, and organize
 - email Angela at angela021774@gmail.com
- Bingo - Stephanie Lohman volunteered to chair
 - Feb. 1st
 - Angela’s husband can bring tables again
- Roller-skating - November 29
 - free event (sponsored by PTA)
 - few extra dollars for inline skates
 - celebrate our hard work and build community

8. Funding Requests

- Amy Corner (2nd grade) - bus 2x a year to Keystone - not in attendance
- Megan Majerle (1st grade) - Hugo Story Series
 - Looking for funds to support the Hugo Story Series where all students receive four books throughout the year.
 - These books are books that classroom teachers will extend learning with projects and connections.
 - Promote family literacy (home) and good community building (school).
 - Purchased first book “I Like Myself” through building funds.
 - \$890 for Hugo - every single student will get four books
 - \$430 for second quarter
 - \$430 for third quarter
 - \$30 for 4th quarter (remainder purchased with Scholastic bonus money)
 - alternating months, a classroom book will be purchased using Scholastic bonus money
 - Motion made by Kari Milhofer
 - Seconded by Jason Healy
 - Approved by PTA members!

9. Open Forum

- Christi Anthony
 - requested someone to sit and chat with her about PTA - explain how our meetings work and how we run our organization
 - volunteered to put a slideshow together to help highlight/promote
 - use on website?
 - discussion about educating parents and better communication
 - Kari Milhofer volunteered to chat with Christi
- Katie Jones - Signature Orthodontics Halloween Buyback program
 - Thursday, November 1st
 - bring in unwanted/unused wrapped Halloween candy
 - Signature Orthodontics will award the school that donates the most amount of candy (weight) \$1.00 per pound of the total amount that school donated (\$1,000 max.)
 - all candy then donated to the Ronald McDonald House
 - promote to families and neighborhoods
 - look for more information to come home
 - promote within the community to help support our schools by donating unused/unwanted candy through NextDoor
- Stefanie Currier
 - requested more thorough explanation (not just word of mouth from kids) and more turnaround time for busy families in regards to fundraising and other PTA events, etc.
- Ethan Carruthers

- suggested Square Space for a website
- offered to help (perhaps his wife Molly)
- Lauren and Ethan will connect and discuss

Kari Milhofer motioned to adjourn the meeting
Christi Anthony seconded (using her new knowledge!)
Meeting adjourned 7:10

Thank you for your time and dedication to helping our students, teachers, and schools! We NEED your help and support! We appreciate your thoughts, help, and commitment!

FREE CHILDCARE PROVIDED DURING EVERY MEETING!!

****Next PTA Meeting: Monday, November 26th, 2018; 6:00 pm
Oneka Elementary Media Center****