

Aug. 20, 2020 PTA Meeting Agenda

PTA: Hammond Elementary School PTA, General PTA Business Meeting, Hammond Park

Date: August 20, 2020

Time: 7:00-7:30pm

In Attendance: Leigh String, Christie O'Brien, Becky Eng, Stephen Price, Natalie Albanesi, Christina Felsen, Aisha Applewhite, Gillian Ryan, Neelam Shah, Crystal Hypolite, Bill String, Sherry Bohn, Kristina Kunkle, Kierah McPherson, Meredith Mesa, Debbie Sullivan, Jana Cowperthwaite, Sarah Fahrendorf, Cathy McDerment, Tiffany George, Linfeng Chen, Denise Lindsay, Maria Rocco, Lindsey Greer, Stephanie Glorioso

- I. Call Meeting to Order: Leigh String
Roll call, Introductions
Introductions of former and incoming board member nominees were given.

- II. Approval of the [minutes from Feb. 2020](#)
Meeting minutes were sent earlier in the week for review.

- III. Reports of Officers
 - Treasurer's Report: Christie O'Brien
 - [EOY Financial Report](#)
Last big fundraiser was our Read-a-thon fundraiser. PTA continued to bring in revenue from passive fundraisers such as Harris Teeter shopping reward points and online spirit wear sales.

 - Approval of 2020-2021 [draft budget](#)
*New budget highlights are possible restaurant nights, square art to be completed virtually and another Read-a-thon in January.
Motion to pass budget from Meredith Mesa and Sarah Fahrendorf.*

 - Elections: Leigh String & Nominating Committee
 - VP Communications Becky Eng
 - Secretary: Natalie Albanesi
 - Treasurer: Stephen Price
 - VP Membership: Christie O'Brien
 - PTACHC Delegates: Christina Felsen & Aisha Applewhite
New board members were voted in.

 - President's Report / [Year End Re-cap](#): Leigh String
A few highlights from the year – Fall Fest was moved to a Saturday and that worked very well. The 5th grade celebration was a success.

 - Membership Report: Fran Taylor

 - VP Communications Report: Becky Eng
The website will be streamlined and the new membership hub will be linked for each parent liaison to use to connect families in each grade for social events.

 - Administration Report: Leigh for Ms. Ciarapica
Mrs. Ciarapica is ready to meet staff next week and children in the next coming weeks.

- PTACHC Report: Leigh
We are now able to meet on school grounds, but will continue to meet on Zoom.

IV. Old Business

- Art grant: *Our week of ukulele instruction was a fabulous success and was completed before we had to shut down! Thank you Mrs. Armstrong for the pictures in our yearbook!*
- Read-a-thon fundraiser raised \$9,409.25 - *Positive feedback from families and teachers!*
- Restaurant Night on March 10th J&P Italian Restaurant - *Decided to give back to restaurant*
- Staff Appreciation: *A Virtual Success!*

V. New Business:

- Kindergarten Zoom changed to Playdate **Thursday, August 27th**
 - Any questions, contact Debbie Sullivan at debbiesullivanPR@gmail.com
- Grade Level Liaisons and family connections: check www.hespta.org for contacts
- Ways to find and connect with friends:
 - <http://www.hcpss.org/connect/>
 - Family file/School Directory
 - >>School Directory

VI. Announcements:

- **General Meeting September 29th at 7pm VIRTUALLY.** Link will be sent to families.
- Virtual Starter Kits
 1. *White boards and one dry erase marker will be given to every student.*
 2. *Kinders will be given math manipulatives.*
 3. *Third, Fourth, and Fifth grade will be given recorders.*
 4. *Fourth and Fifth will be given agenda books.*
- Thank you to outgoing officers

VII. Adjournment: Leigh String

Motion to adjourn from Linfeng Chen and Stephanie Glorioso.

VIII. Questions:

1. *When students are meeting for a social event are they able to use Google Hangouts? Students cannot create their own Hangouts or Meets using their school accounts.*

2. *Is there a way to merge the Canvas Calendar with a Google Calendar?*

3. *Membership Hub does have a calendar. Will parent liaisons be able to utilize this to help parents organize information sent from school. Could parent liaisons create a google calendar to help kids stay organized?*

Parents would like more consistency and structure.

4. *Will school supplies from last year be available for pick up? Teachers are working on bagging them up for pick up on Sept. 2 & 8.*