

E.R. Hughes Monthly PTA Minutes: March 5, 2009

Meeting called to order by Missy Love at 1:35 pm with 52 members in attendance.

Principal's Report: Mr. Dunn announced that Open House is scheduled for March 19 from 6:30-7:30. He announced that the Virtues Assembly on Kindness is scheduled for this Friday at 2:00pm. He discussed the PE mandate that states elementary students need to receive 120 minutes of instruction per week. Mr. Dunn announced that our Green Team has the opportunity to recycle juice pouches and certain baggies with a company that makes purses, pencil boxes, etc. They pay 2 cents per juice pouch. They are currently looking into this possibility. He announced that Dr. Kalies, who was hired by the Board of Education to do a redistricting study, will be giving his report to the School Board at the March 17th meeting that will be hosted by E.R. Hughes. He also discussed the incidence at Perry Jr. High regarding the cell phones. The Board of Education will be looking at the cell phone policy. The particular incidence that was discussed has been turned over to the Oneida County Sexual Task Force.

Secretary's Report - minutes were approved with the changes of the membership number and the RoboSpartans presented at a 4H presentation instead of Perry Jr. High.

Treasurer's Report - The report was accepted as presented and filed for audit.

Corresponding Secretary's Report - Sudha Cherukuri shared Thank You notes

Standing Committee Reports:

Health & Safety - Marlene Biernat reported that volunteers for security at the Family Dance went well. There was double parking on the main road in front of the school and we can't do that for emergency purposes. There will be cones used in the future. There will be an emergency phone drill from the student messenger on March 18 at 5:30. Any phone number changes need to be directed to the office. Anyone interested in helping with security at the Spring Fling, please see Marlene or Denise.

Membership - Lynn Moretz reported that we are currently at 425 members.

Reflections - Jodi Labella announced that the Reflections Assembly will be on May 15th at 2:00pm. Everyone that participated will receive ribbons. Those students who placed at E.R. Hughes will receive medals. The Leatherstocking winners of 1st place and honorable mention will receive trophies.

Book Fair - Tracy Moger announced that the book fair will run March 23 - 27. The family nights will be March 24th & 25th. They will be calling for volunteers soon. This is a Buy One Get One Free Book Fair.

PTA Council - Missy Love reported that we did not have a PTA Council Meeting this past month.

School Board Rep - Missy Love announced there is no report this month.

Virtues - Missy Love reported that 8 5th graders and 8 6th graders were chosen to go to all of the classrooms to tell about this month's virtues community project.

It is to collect items for the Hall House. Fliers will be coming home soon.

Legislative Education - Julie Stephens stated there was no report.



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Family Dance - Joanne Hickey thanked all volunteers for helping out at the dance. We collected 4 large bags full of books and made about \$160.00 in profit. There is also a concern with having food in the gym. It makes for a very difficult clean up.

Box Tops - Susan Mojave announced that 2700 box tops were submitted by E.R. Hughes. We are currently looking into purchasing items for the school with our Price Chopper points.

Basket Bonanza - Cathy Giglio announced that Basket Bonanza is in 1 week. Anyone interested in set up or clean up please sign up. The deadline for baskets is tomorrow. The committee will be wrapping baskets on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week at 11:00am.

Open House - Missy Love announced that Dessert Night is being chaired by Elena Green and she will be calling people to have desserts and drinks donated.

Spring Fling - Tracy Fountain announced that the prizes were finalized at Clementes today. They are going to presale tickets. The theme is 50's Grease. The date for Spring Fling is April 3 from 6:00-8:30 pm. Sudha Cherukuri is looking for someone to oversee the bake sale as she is going to be out of town. Julie Fornino and Joanne Hickey volunteered. A chairperson for decorations is needed. Kate Thomas volunteered.

Nominating Committee - Dena Gorea announced that the committee will meet Monday at 9:00am. If anyone is interested, please let someone know on the committee.

Web Site - Shelley Athari has linked the PTA Website to the New Hartford Live site.

6th Grade Committee - Lorey Zaman announced that the 6th grade committee made \$180.00 on selling flowers and \$191.54 on selling candy and photos at the Family Dance. She thanked all volunteers. The leftover candy will be used at the 6th grade picnic. There will be a photo booth at the Spring Fling. The 6th grade t-shirts were distributed to the 6th graders. Contact Judy Nole if there are any issues. Money was taken out of budget for t-shirts for the 6th grade teachers and Mr. Dunn. The picnic will be held on June 23rd. There will be food and games. They are looking at 3 different choices for the class gift: a PA system, a mural in the cafeteria, or a tile mural in the front foyer. They will be voting on the gift soon. The video is being done by Mrs. Walsh. There will be photographs of those students receiving awards with their name on the back.

Yearbook - Lorey Zaman announced that the committee is working on a cover design with the 6th grader's pictures. Please send any photos in to lzaman@nhart.org.

Ecology - Lorey Zaman announced that the ecology club students are working on an Earth Day fundraiser. Delivery of the items will be near Earth Day. The fundraiser ends March 16th. The Climoze team is working on going to Atlanta and Ohio for competitions. The next ecology club meeting is March 23rd.

Newsletter - The deadline for the newsletter is March 8th.

Unfinished Business - Missy Love announced that we are still looking for a Chairperson for a book committee. Julie Stephens volunteered.

New Business - Missy Love asked if anyone is interested in photocopying tomorrow for a teacher. Tracy Fountain volunteered. Missy also announced that we are looking for chair people for the following committees:
Health & Safety - Jodi LaBella volunteered; PARP; Teacher Booklets; Reflections; and Hospitality.

Missy announced the upcoming events are listed on the agenda. The next meeting is April 2nd at 7:00pm. The meeting was adjourned at 2:38pm.

Submitted by : Lynn Marety