**G. H. Moody PTA Board Meeting**

**Tuesday, September 24, 2013**

**6:35 pm, Moody Middle**

**Present:** Terry Moore, Principal Llewellyn, Angela Cordero, Ingrid Williams, Susan Smith, Petra Zerbst, Santhi Sridharan, Coleen Bohlmann, Michelle Sindelair

President Terry Moore called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

**Approval of Minutes:** Prior minutes were approved at the general membership meeting on Back to School night.

**Principal’s Report:**

* The start of this school year has been very smooth. Buses have been on time. Assemblies have been held (code of conduct, etc.)
* The IB Open House is on 10/7 with 2 informational sessions beginning at 5 and at 6. After the half hour informational session, visitors can walk around the school. Clubs will have tables set up. The PTA has been asked to consider feeding the student volunteers that night (25 pizzas, drinks, and cookies were needed last year). The PTA should staff a table as well.
* Sporting events are listed on the calendar on gomoody.com. The PTA can review them to see if we can help at any of the events. The teachers are tailgating at the Wednesday, October 29th football game against Holman.
* Mr. Llewellyn has been contacted by this year’s Christmas Mother who was a former student and parent of former students. The Christmas Mother program does not currently collect socks, so Moody has agreed to hold a sock drive. Mr. Llewellyn is thinking about holding a sock hop with an entrance fee of a new pair of children’s or teen’s socks.
* There is a half day for students this Thursday 9/26.
* Moody Cleanup (an opportunity for service both outside and inside) will be held in October (possibly the 5th).
* There is a Band concert on 10/15. Terry will speak beforehand and it will be handled as a general membership meeting.
* If the PTA sponsors an evening basketball game between students and teachers, we can make it benefit the Christmas Mother or Lamb’s Basket and collect cash or sock donations.
* There has been a good response to Watch D.O.G.S. so far.

**President’s Report:**

* The PTA survey went to the teachers and responses have come back. They love the food we provide. They would like PTA to help out with some of the sporting events and fundraisers such as the magazine sale that just began.
* Kathy Meyer was introduced as VP of Programs. She has been voted in by the Board.
* Henrico County Credit Union has opened a small branch within Holman Middle School and the students run it.
* PTA Membership, Volunteer, and Raider Fund contribution forms have been coming in.
* We have a budget for grade level programs and Mr. Llewellyn is happy to review any program ideas we have with the leadership team.
* Copy assistance for teachers is something we can consider leveraging new volunteers for.

**Faculty Representative Report:**

* No report.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

* The PTA can generate a form to allow clubs to request money.
* Teachers who are members of the PTA are allowed to request $25 to help fund their classroom needs. Last year Mr. Mewborn sent a letter on behalf of PTA reminding them that if they join the PTA, they can get a $25 stipend.
* Money Minders – Santhi will create a generic account so that any board member can log in and review the current budget.

**Programs:**

* Kathy attended an FBI Cyber Awareness Program for parents last year at Holman and thought it was great. Mr. Llewellyn has an Henrico County police contact as well who could do a presentation. Kathy would like to have a kids program as well and will give this some more thought.
* There is an Henrico County class that provides tips for paying for college.

**Membership:**

* No report.

**Communications:**

* Coleen asked that we let her know of dates or information to be put on the website. She can put a blurb on the home page if it’s timely information or add it to a tab if there’s more detail involved. Please include “website” in the subject line so that the email flags her attention.
* Terry will write a Welcome from the President note since we are directing people to the website.
* Coleen will post the approved budget.
* Coleen would like to post any information we have concerning Programs even if it’s not solidified yet.
* The PTA can continue to include our communications in the Sunday message. Going forward there may be a need for a newsletter but currently we don’t have enough content and the Sunday message is adequate. If any board member has content they’d like to share, talk to Coleen to review the content and assess if a newsletter is needed. Coleen will then compile a list of topics of interest.
* We can consider using Facebook to post messages and publicize general information. Scott Mewborn looks at the Moody Facebook page and responds as needed.
* Any information to be included in the Sunday night call (recorded Wednesday afternoon) should be sent to Colleen. She will manage sending everything to Mr. Llewellyn.

**Hospitality:**

* The Back to School night spaghetti dinner for the staff was a success.
* The First Friday teacher’s basket will begin on the first Friday in October. Contact Amy Ringberg at aeringberg@gmail.com to be included in the Signup Genius request list.
* Bus drivers’ appreciation week is coming up. If you’d like to help, contact Tammy Parham at tammy.parham@comcast.net.
* The next teacher meal will be on Teacher Conference night.
* The committee is trying to purchase a storage cart to replace the old damaged one.

**Arts in Education:**

* No report.

**8th grade Dances:**

* There will be a meeting in the next month.

**Directory:**

* Online.

**County Council:**

* PTA Officer training is on 10/21. Susan will provide more information.
* The Henrico County Board supports the meal tax as long as 100% goes to education. The position statement with this position will be voted on at the 10/21 meeting by general membership.

**Retail Promotions:**

* The Chipotle night brought in over $700. Sweet Frog brought in $65.
* On April 22nd we will hold our Board meeting at Chipotle to overlap with spirit night.
* Ingrid set up a spirit night for the band for their competition at Short Pump.
* The Box Tops contest is going strong. Teachers are participating in the competition more this year than last.
* We need to get the word out about Kroger gift cards. Mr. Llewellyn will email the teachers to make them aware.
* Upcoming dates:
\*October 23 - Jumpology

\*November 14 - laser tag at Skate Nation

\*Dec 7 – Arena Racing at the Coliseum

**Legislation:**

* Colleen has put the legislative actions, a list of public hearings, and links to meals tax information on the PTA website.
* In order to vote for legislative initiatives online, we must include the Moody PTA membership number. Coleen will get this and post it to assist with voting.
* Kaje is working on the by-laws and will need 3 people to review them. Once approved, they will be posted for a period of time for comment and review by the entire membership before officially adopting.

**Reflections:**

* Entries are due 10/28 in the library. The theme is Believe, Dream, and Inspire.

**Student Directory:**

* We have 420 students listed in directory so far. The last day to submit entries is October 1st.
* The directory should be ready to print by October 4th.

**Raider Fund:**

* We have several company matches but we will need to confirm that the companies do in fact match PTA donations.

**Volunteers:**

* No report.

**Dances:**

* The Fall dance is Friday October 18th. Tickets will go on sale the week of the dance and are $5. Teachers/staff serve as chaperones. Parent volunteers are not in the gym but help with refreshments and tickets.
* No jeans are allowed.
* Dismissal is phased with 6th graders released at 8:50, 7th graders at 8:55 and 8th graders at 9pm.

**New Business:**

* No report.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Cordero

MMS PTA Recording Secretary