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

**Tuesday, April 22, 2014**

**6:30 pm, Chipotle**

**Present:** Terry Moore, Ingrid Williams, Helen Wang, Sue Manley,Colleen Bohlman, Beth Chancy*,* Santhi Sridharan, Raiford Beasley, Scott Mewborn, Principal Llewellyn, Kaje Stuckey, Michele Sindelar, Britt Cowart, Mr. Snow, Angela Cordero

President Terry Moore called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm.

**Approval of Minutes:** The March minutes will need to be approved at the May meeting.

**Principal’s Report:**

* More testing is around the corner and should be noted on the school calendar. After that we will have SOLs and end of year exams. There will be one more fire drill and there may be one more type of emergency drill with prior notice.
* The safety of the front door entry has been a concern but Moody is not up for renovation. A live feed camera is being installed tomorrow to view movement at the top of the stairs. Monitors will be at the secretary stations. If visitors turn to the left, the secretaries will step out and redirect them. There has been good progress on replacing the classroom door locks with automatic locks, and external doors now lock when shut (spring locks). Soon there will be camera monitors on two other external doors to cover students entering from outside.
* Auditorium technology project: The bid secured by the county was over $20K so we may consider other bids at some point. If we go through the county, then the county is responsible for fixing issues. Otherwise, it is the school’s responsibility. The PTA will need to vote to save the unused money for next year.

**President’s Report:**

* The PTA Banquet is May 12th at Hermitage High. Ingrid will be honored as volunteer of the year.
* At the next meeting, Terry would like us to brainstorm about new ways of doing things next year. For example, Terry would like to see a bullying program. She’d also like to invite teachers and counselors to come talk at board meetings about relevant topics.
* Teacher Appreciation Week: We asked Mr. Llewleyn to include a link in the Sunday message that will request gift cards between $5 and $10 to be donated to be raffled off to teachers. Students can drop cards in a box in the library in a marked envelope with the amount noted on the card. There was a motion that passed for the PTA to sponsor this effort up to $200 to make sure every teacher gets a gift card. Terry will coordinate this.

**Faculty Representative Report:**

* Mrs. Schwieder would like to develop an outdoor classroom. If the PTA has club money that hasn’t been used, she will write a request to use some of it. This may be part of an Eagle Scout project as well.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

* Santhi will email the treasurer’s report. She needs to write the band a spirit night check. There was discussion as to how to account for that in the budget. She will code it as an expense under Retail Promotions. Next year we will include a line item for programs/spirit nights/fundraisers similar to how we handle book fair.

**New Business:**

* Golf tournament: The tournament is scheduled for Saturday May 31st at noon (registration at 11 am). We need to guarantee Belmont a minimum of 5 teams (20 players) to lock the course down. Rai has recruited 5 teams and is hoping to get at least 18 teams registered. He would like the faculty to come up with 6 teams and parents to come up with 6 teams. If 18 teams register, the discounted cost is $3600. We would charge $200 for each foursome, $104 of which is paid to the county, leaving us with a margin of $96 from each foursome. Boxed lunches from Panera or a local diner could cost $11 per person. With this cost, we anticipate netting about $50 per foursome. Rai anticipates that we can make a minimum of $900 in profit not including sponsorships or donations. If there is a full field, we could make around $1500. He has only promoted the event through school so far. In May, he will promote beyond that. He’d like to promote fatherhood and Watchdog dads by getting 8 or 9 Watchdog dads to participate. He would give an award.
* 8th grade end of year field day competition on Wednesday June 11th from 9-12: Mr. Snow explained how last year’s 8th grade field day worked and asked for help from the PTA for this year. Every home room was a team and the first half of the day was spent in competition on about 10 games. There was great parent volunteer support last year via donations sent in through teachers. Signup genius was used to request $20 Walmart and Papa John’s gift card donations. Prizes, water, freeze pops and pizzas were purchased with these. He would like 4 parents to act as coordinators and engage the help of additional parents. One parent would set up the signup genius page requesting volunteers to staff the games. One parent would be there all 3 hours to be the game coordinator while others could sign up for 1 hour shifts. One parent would coordinate lunch by setting up pizzas in gym with chips and cookies. Teachers serve the food. One parent would collect gift cards/prizes to give away to the students via a raffle. Beth Chancy will set up the signup genius and provide the link for the Sunday message. If interested in helping out, email [tmsnow@henrico.co.va.us](mailto:tmsnow@henrico.co.va.us). There will be a meeting after school for everyone who will help.
* Nominating committee: Michele Sindelar will head up the Dance Committee. Beth will be Corresponding Secretary. There are two people for 8th grade dance committee as well as Terry. Brandy Ewell is considering Hospitality. Treasurer, Recording Secretary and Programs are still open. Laura O’Brien will do both Lay Advisory and County Council. Raider Fund and Retail Promotions are still available but we can break up Retail Promotions as a separate position from Spirit Nights. Sue will contact PTA elementary presidents. Rai will review the open list too and try to recruit community parents. Since there are an equal amount of community watchdogs as there are IB watchdogs, we talked about asking Mr. Blackwell to recruit a watchdog representative to serve on the board. We also talked about requesting a representative from each local elementary school. The Nominating committee will write a message to include in the Sunday message.

**Programs:**

* No report.

**Spring Fling:**

* Rai ran into challenges trying to organize this and will not be holding it this year. We need to pick a date for 2015 and he will head the committee then. It was suggested that the event be held early in the school year to welcome 6th graders. If it were a Fall Fling he could build an initiative around the 6th graders and encourage leadership development of the 8th graders by pairing them with 6th graders. Principal Llewellyn said fall would be fine, we just need to look at the county calendar and pick a date and then request tables and chairs at least one month ahead. There was a motion to move the Spring Fling to the fall and all were in favor.

**Membership and Raider Fund:**

* Helen passed out a new draft of the PTA form. She will add squares for each letter to make it more clear. There was discussion around offering different types/levels of memberships based on the amount of the Raider Fund donation with possible incentives such as t-shirts or seats at concerts.
* There was also more discussion concerning offering payment online through Paypal. Eventually it will cost $11.99 per month, but the first 6 months are free. There is a fee of 2.2% that will be passed through to the customer. A motion was made and passed to offer payment via Paypal.

**Communications:**

* No report.

**Hospitality:**

* No report.

**Arts in Education:**

* No report.

**8th grade Dance:**

* They considered switching the theme to Breakfast at Tiffany’s but they will probably stick with A Night to Remember. There will be a signup genius for donations for food.

**Retail Promotions:**

* Ms. Crowley won the box tops contest. She will receive the dollar amount of what her students collected to spend on classroom supplies.
* On May 13th there will be a spirit night at Moe’s and Five Guys at Innsbrook.

**Lay Advisory:**

* No report.

**Reflections:**

* No report.

**Student Directory:**

* No report.

**Volunteers:**

* No report.

**County Council:**

* The County Council banquet is coming up. If anyone wants to be the Brookland rep, the position is open.

**Dances:**

* The spring dance is this Friday. Kaje collected a lot of great prizes. Beth requested the names of teachers who have helped at all the dances so that she can write them thank you notes.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Cordero

MMS PTA Recording Secretary