

Horace Mann PTO

January 9, 2020

President – Ashley Shields; Vice President – Amber Capps; Treasurer – Jim Thibodeau;
Co-Secretaries – Whitney Fraga, Mary Kate Pilcher-Hayek
Volunteer Coordinator – Emily Campbell
DPO – Stevie Toomey

Welcome and Introductions

Attendees: Mary Kate Pilcher Hayek, Whitney Fraga, Emily Campbell, Stevie Toomey, Teresa Galuzo, Amber Capps, Ashley Shields, Jim Thibodeau, Jenny Nace, Jamie Thrans , Mindy Smith, Ryan Noble, Catherine Staniforth, Julie Robinson.

Approval of November Minutes

Principal's Report: Julie Robinson

- Bike Rodeo at City Park – Lincoln is hosting and would like to know if Mann wants to be included? No decision made. Also mentioned that Lincoln has started a Wellness Council – to bring to Mann we need an interested volunteer.
- Gym Teacher (Greg Brown) recently had back surgery, so gym is intermittent when sub is available.
- International Night – Hosted by ELL in May – More details to come.
- School Board Education Committee at Mann in December – Ladiester presented about Mann's Leadership Program/Family Night.
- Stacey Medd – teaching college course at Mann – great connection to the University.
- Discussed the need for more resources and support. District wide we are low on paras – 400 last year to approximately 328 this year. Paras have spontaneous and/or organic responsibilities i.e. lunch duty, multiple assignments, but overall Mann is running lean. Kids who need it the most don't know who their "go to" person is.

Teacher's Report: Any teachers present may share classroom updates

N/A

Officer Reports:

- President and Vice President Report: Ashley Shields & Amber Capps
 - Yearbooks (Amber – we voted to pay for 1 book per family, charge for 2nd or 3rd copies) 206 Mann Families.
 - Teacher Requests via Google Docs – Under \$100 board will approve via email, anything over \$100 will be discussed at next PTA meeting – receipts are required and submitted to PTA inbox.
 - PTA Email – MK drafting policy and creating an email address.
- Treasurer's Report: Jim Thibodeau
 - Fundraising Updates:
 - Election Day Bake Sale - Great turnout! \$1,212 raised – may try to make Nov 4th a no school day in 2020
 - Oasis \$454
 - Hy-Vee Red Bags – current fundraiser at North Dodge

- Gift Wrapping – made very little
 - Pancake Supper – great event and a lot of fun, \$1,142 raised.
 - Student Council Fundraiser – exact amount earned not shared, but Julie noted that teachers got a lot of supplies,
 - Hoover PTA donated \$3,136
- Volunteer Coordinator: Emily Campbell
 - Carnival Committee (Friday April 3, 5:30pm – 8pm) – Whitney to send email to Kindergarten parents, 6th graders in charge of something for next year.
 - Silent Auction – have a committee
 - Games – 6th grade in charge of games (next year?)
 - Food – Hamburg Inn or Hy-vee - Ashley Shields is figuring out food either North Dodge Hy-Vee or Hamburg Inn.
 - Need Volunteers!! See Signup Genius.
 - DPO Report: Stevie Toomey
 - February DPO Meeting will be hosted by Mann – Topic is
 - MK Pilcher Hayek to coordinate lunch for meeting - Oasis
 - WRAM – going to
 - Test Scores – 3-6 returned home, next year won't have to wait as long to results
 - December Meeting was about sports – how many going out, getting to/from practice, who buys uniforms etc. Stevie has add'l info on this if interested.
 - Legislative Update – Education Committee – Jan 25th Iowa City Chamber Women League of Voters 9:30-11:30 .
 - District Priorities – supplemental aid 4.5% increase asked will get under 2%, Day on the Hill (date?), Mental health services for students, fully funded 4 yr preschool, career and tech support bringing classes and offsite work to district, support climate change policies, recruitment and retention of teachers – Iowa high standards and predominately white state, reviewing requirements to drive more diversity.

Committee/Special Project Reports (see Signup Genius for Volunteer Opportunities):

- Pancake Supper Update (Jennifer Richman)
- Dance Marathon (Jenny Nace) – 6-7:30, DJ Jason Wells, pizza (hyvee \$2 per slice, water) Bingo, Bingo caller, cashier
- Conference Meals (Amber Capps and Jenny Nace)
- Carnival Committee (Need someone to Chair)
- Book Fair (Meghan Byler and Megan Asklof)
- Playground Equipment (Stevie Toomey) – Ben Grimm – not much room to add equipment, wall \$600 for 24 ft installed in 3 phases; No decision made.
- Art Committee – und - Eugenspiel Puppet show - 2 person or full day workshop \$700 or \$100

Other Business/Discussion:

- Mann at The Mill (Ashley Shield – kid friendly 5-8pm, \$8 adults, \$5 for kids, Music teacher – school fundraiser. \$100 to bouncer comes out of gross receipts).

Upcoming Dates:

- January 19 – Mann at The Mill
 - January 20 – No School
 - January 22 – Meeting at SEJH for 6th grade parents
 - January 31 – Mini Dance Marathon, 6-7:30pm
 - February 6 – Next PTO Meeting
 - February 12 – DPO at Mann, 11:30am -1pm (library – Oasis lunch provided) Topic is Building Administration Roles and Responsibilities
 - February 14 – Valentine Parties
 - February 27 – Evening Conferences at Mann
 - February 27-March 2 – Book Fair
 - March 2 – No School / Conferences
 - March 2 - Kindergarten Registration, 8am -6pm
 - March 5 – PTO Meeting
 - March 16-20 – Spring Break, No School
 - March 31 – McTeachers Night Fundraiser at Iowa City Marketplace McDonalds, 5-7pm
 - April 2 – PTO Meeting
 - April 3 - Mann Carnival, 5:30pm -8pm
 - April 17 – No School
 - April 23 – Kindergarten Roundup
 - May 7 – PTO Meeting
 - May 21 – K-3 Music Program, 12:45pm
 - May 20, 21, 26, 27, 28 – 6th Grade School of the Wild
 - May 25 – No School
 - May 28 – Grades 4 &5 – Music Performance, 12:30pm
 - May 29 – Last Day of School
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- Hy-vee Books Fundraiser
 - Moms Demand Action – Be Smart Program Emily coordinate
 - School Supply Kits - ?
 - Women’s Basketball - Mindy