

August 2018 NHHS PTSA Mtg

August 7, 2018

7:00 – 8:00 pm

Teacher's Lounge NHHS

Meeting called by: Amy Barro – President **Type of meeting:** Regular meeting
Attendees: Attendance List at end of minutes **Note taker:** Tracy Ceglia

Minutes

Agenda item: Introductions **Presenter:** Amy

Discussion:

New activities director –

- Anthony Petraglia – funneling and approving all info from Amy related to fundraising and events, including facility usage
 - Maren handles overall communication from the school
 - Board and all attendees (see attendance sheet)
 - Add in dates for meetings (first Tuesday of each month)
 - Minutes will be posted on the PTSA website
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Agenda item: Financials **Presenter:** Kathy

Discussion:

- Paperwork and financials complete.
 - Taxes in progress.
 - More formal treasurer's report for our next meeting.
 - Currently there's \$15,000 in the account, which is better than last year.
 - Vouchers will be created to be submitted for reimbursement for event costs (will have access online)
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Agenda item: Membership **Presenter:** Faith

Discussion:

- Enrollment: 278 last year. Goal is 350 this year.
 - Online enrollment has not yet started. MemberHub will be new website.
 - Online store. Partnership with SneakersPlus. Plan to have spirit wear. Everyone can have access.
 - There is a link to the PTSA website on the NHHS website – check the Parents tab on the NHHS site. Just be sure no to join yet. <http://www.nhvweb.net/nhhs/ptsa/>
 - Maren will help with blasts and communications.
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Agenda item: Back To School Nights (8/30 and 9/6) **Presenter:** Amy

Discussion:

- PTSA Table will be set up for membership and to promote the PTSA in the mall area by the cafeteria
- Freshman orientation – 8/22 , activities fair is from 12 – 1. PTSA will have a table. If anyone is available to join and represent the PTSA. Any volunteers, please let Amy know to hand out membership fliers.
- All advisors and clubs are to be represented so students know what is available.
- Students looking for volunteer hours, they can do PTSA hours. This would help with scholarship (in order for a student to be eligible for the PTSA scholarships, they must have 10 PTSA hours, a parent must be a member, and submit the essay with application for scholarship)
- For future events, we'll use Sign-up genius for events, participants and volunteers

Agenda item: PTSA Activities / Events

Presenter: Amy

Discussion:

Just touching on these today.

- **PASTA Dinner** – 10/5 is homecoming and this is pasta night. Everyone donates, usually the night before, of food, beverages, plastic-ware, etc. Dinner on the 5th.
 - Trying to pull in the sports teams and music to participate.
 - Businesses also donate – students reach out to businesses.
- **Catalyst** – ACT and SAT bootcamps. So far there's 12 signed up for August bootcamp.
- **Staff appreciation breakfast** – date not set, usually Feb. Volunteers needed
- **Night of the Arts/Battle of the Bands (Jr Event)** – suggested to start prep work soon. Entertainment night – Talent contest. Looking at a 1/25 date and 2/1 snow date.
- **Sophomore and Freshmen events** – usually a dance (freshmen had a luau)
- **8th grade move up dance** - usually in May.
- **Mr. North event** – PTSA sets up concession. Men's talent show fundraiser. Word around that it was a Senior event. May need to look at advertising.
- **Project Graduation** – safe nights for seniors. Funplex in Mt. Laurel. Adults supervisor. All night event, games, rides, food, pick up next morning. Volunteers will be needed.
- **Senior luncheon / brunch** – for end of year. Usually Sr. Parents are mostly involved, but others may help with donations. Will need new volunteers for the following year.

We would like to do more in general for all grades. Ideas and suggestions are appreciated.

Agenda item: Fundraising

Presenter: Amy

Discussion:

- Gaming license is in the works for 50/50s.
- Seeking one coordinator for the following:
 - Smile@Amazon – there are 3 steps to link your current account to the PTSA
 - Boxtops mostly stopped – we are also looking into connecting using supermarket cards (ShopRite and Stop & Shop)
 - Target has a donation program that has to be set up
- Calendar – we are selling advertising space to businesses in the area. Regular events added for dates that are known at this time. These will be free with membership or \$5 each. Trying to get these done for BTS night.
- Community Cards – discounts at local businesses. Those should be available at BTS night (Spinning Wheel, Dominicks, Buffalo Wild Wings, Chelsea's, TGIFriday's, and more. It costs the businesses nothing to be a part of the community card and they can get spot on the calendar.
- KidStuff – new this year with app – planning to have for BTS night.
- J Crew event – tentative date of 8/18 from 10-2, they donate a portion of the sales to the PTSA.

We also do events with Beyond Bejoux and Five Below – dates TBD.

Any relationship anyone has can help.

Local businesses are always big supporters. Students being involved helps too.

Social Media and website – We have FB and Instagram to help spread the word (share) about our events.

Discussion / Other Topics

Notes:

- Joe B mentioned getting FBLA involved with fundraising or advertising. This can be discussed at future meetings, when specific events are discussed.
- Board positions with the PTSA are 2 year positions.
- Scholarship fund – looking to increase money for scholarships. Require parent membership, 10 student service hours for PTSA, application and essay.
- Next Board of Ed meeting is 8/14 at 7:00. PTSA will be seeking board approval at this meeting.
- PAC – Parents Advisory Committee is very helpful for new parents. Daytime meeting - first meeting is 9/20 , 9-11. Usually different topics and guest or faculty speakers each month.

Questions / Discussion –

- Asked for membership fee – single adult 15, family 2 people for 25. Not sure yet about students – working on this.
- NHHSPTSA@yahoo.com – email
- Do events allow guest artists/speakers? We are open to any ideas, but currently do not have these events. .

Wrap up – Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:05 PM

8/7 Attendance

(Sorry if there are any spelling errors)

Faith Truppi
Tracy Ceglia
Kelly Nicolaou
Sharon O'Neill
Karen Smith
Wendy Lertola
Ellen Lutz
Tanya Hekler
Tara Fioto
Steve Huckaby
Anthony Petraglia
Maren Smagala
Joe Bieksha
Bonnie Wilt
Diana Anderson
Cathlina Christie
Michelle Ortiz
Jean Urmston
Kathy Greene
Amy Barro
Katie Wilson