



Minutes for PTO/PHACT Meeting February 14, 2017

Attending: Lisa LaBelle, Shannon Haddad, Michelle Bolduc, Michael Quick, Tracey Dunn, Darcy Baran, Maryellen Donnelly, Kim Martin

Treasury/Membership report:
Shannon Haddad

Updates:

1. Students in community (outreach to seniors, etc)
 - Helped community member in Hampton shovel driveway
 - Call from Scotland town hall for possible community service
2. Billboard up on intersection of rt 6 and 198

Action Items:

1. Membership drive (reach 100)/CTPTA scholarship
 - 54 members, with 13 more added tonight (total 67)
 - Darcy will print applications and put in teachers mailboxes
 - Will make deadline Feb 24th
 - Scholarships are available on Parish Hill website for when we reach our 100 members.
2. PHACT PTA Scholarship
 - Will do a "continuing scholarship" The recipient will get \$\$ every year they are in college (up to 4 years) as long as they come back once a year to communicate to the school in some form how PHS has had an impact on their life since they left.
 - Going to one student
 - Write an essay using the acrostic PIRATE
 - Will have another draft at the next meeting. Will finalize after that and give to Darcy
3. Connect for Respect
 - Lauren Foster agreed to be the student leader for this project. She will meet with student leaders from all of the grades to discuss program. Will do a school climate survey.
 - When program gets kicked off we will have Ken Caputo speak to students. Looking at April date
 - PTA will find ways to get the word out about the program on social media etc to let the families and community know what is going on.
4. Needs for students and/or teachers (Darcy)

- PTA will give the Greenhouse Project the rest of the money the need to buy the greenhouse kit. About \$315.

5. Diani dinner

- PTA will help at the door collecting money. Money will be filtered through the PHACT PTA and we will present a check to the Diani family.

6. Post cards

- Tracey will revise and check on final costs of mailing.

New Ideas:

1. Tshirts

- Will discuss getting PTA tshirts for when we do events.

2. The Great Kindness Challenge

- Will discuss in March

3. Tag Sale on the Green

- Discussed having Tag sale at PHMHS in spring
- Charge per table
- Discuss further in March

Ideas on hold:

1. Jeffery P. Ossen Foundation, grant opportunities (Darcy)

- Willimantic Chamber of Commerce membership (\$300/yr)

Next Meeting: **Tuesday, March 14, 6:00pm PHMHS Library**