



PHACT PTSA June 2023 Meeting

Wednesday, June 21, 2023 6 pm via Microsoft Teams

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Called to order at 6:02

Present: Cindy Palmer, Mary Dirks, Heather Victoria, Heather Shedd, Lisa Labelle, Kelsey Waters, Judy Noel, Michelle Salvas, Karen McElroy

Agenda Items

1. Approval of April Minutes

- a. approved

2. Recent Accomplishments

- a. Spring Fling
 - i. Approximate \$900 in cash boxes, maybe \$600 in sponsors
 - ii. Will send thank you to vendors/sponsors/partners
 - iii. Debrief for successes and lessons learned
 1. Providing our own food so more money goes back to the classes
- b. DNB scholarship
 - i. Will need Sam and Angela's engraved "plates."
 1. Karen will follow up and touch base with Shannon and take the plates to Dan's
- c. Reflections awards
 - i. Awards were given

3. Treasury Report and Approval

- a. Motion to approve by Lisa, seconded by Karen; all accepted

4. Membership Report

- a. 72 members as the final count for the year
- b. Discussion of methods to increase membership among staff
 - i. Competitions
- c. Mary Dirks is a great resource during membership drives and fundraising

5. Advocacy Report

- a. Discipline committee

- i. Will be meeting throughout the summer
- b. SOE-Meet with Administrators regarding outcomes and comments
 - i. Final application submitted, next update in August
- c. tMHFA/yMHFA training
 - i. Looking to provide for staff during PD day
 - ii. Need yMHFA before tMHFA
 - iii. tMHFA can successfully be incorporated into Health class curriculum
 - 1. Grant money available
- d. QPR training
 - i. 1.5 hour training or 8 hr certification
 - ii. Will look into further

6. Reflections Report

- a. Awards given out at award ceremony

7. New Business

- a. Election of officers
 - i. Nominees for 2023-2024 School Year
 - 1. Group nomination made by Heather Victoria
 - 2. Seconded by Lisa
 - 3. All in favor
 - ii. President - Heather Shedd
 - iii. Vice-President - Kathy Freed
 - iv. Secretary - Judy Noel
 - v. Treasurer - Cindy Palmer
 - vi. Student Representative - Shyaina Poole
- b. Cody Gendreau scholarship
 - i. On hold
- c. Endowment of DNB scholarship
 - i. Under discussion
- d. CT PTA due increase
 - i. CT State PTA dues increased by \$2
 - ii. National PTA due increases looking to increase \$1.75 effective 10/1/23 if it passes
 - iii. proposed PHACT/PTSA membership dues increase in order to cover the state and National increase

8. Ongoing Business

- a. Fundraising ideas still under discussion
 - i. Bags for incoming 7th graders
 - ii. Mugs
 - iii. Blankets
 - iv. T-shirts
 - v. Foxwoods Bingo
 - vi. Calendar raffle (Canterbury PTO just made about \$7000 off of this!!!)
 - 1. Michelle may spear-head this

9. Open Discussion -

- a. Member concern via email about checking space and regulations in art room
 - i. Under discussion
- b. Reflections will be sent out early in the hopes that it can be incorporated across more curriculum
- c. Rebranding and marketing for Parish Hill
 - i. "Small public school with a private school education"
 - ii. Emphasize academics and rigor
 - iii. Infographic
 - iv. Update website/newsletter
 1. Employee of the month (get to know parish hill)
 2. "Did you know?"
 - v. Refreshing classrooms

10. Next Meeting:

- a. August 2, 6 pm