

Horace Mann PTA meeting

January 8, 2020

Welcome and Introductions

Announcements

- PTA speaker from the Wetterling Foundation on Tuesday, January 14th at 6:30 p.m.
- The PTA is interested in supporting co-curriculars in our school, so if you have ideas for needs in that area let us know.
- The new website is www.hms-pta.org

Budget and Treasurer's Report

YTD Total Revenue: \$46,663

YTD Total Expenses: \$29,761

YTD Revenue subtract Expenses (\$16,902)

Bank Account Balance as of 12/31/19: \$ 81,953

December 2019 Revenue: \$4,080

December 2019

Expenses: \$6,709

December Revenue subtract Expenses (\$ - 2,629)

Our YTD is August 2019-July 2020

If you are interested in more details of the PTA budget please contact Jackie Hippen directly at treasurer@hms-pta.org

Principal's Report

- Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is a framework adopted by the state to improve school culture and climate. It's best practices pulled together for all schools to use.
- SPPS has been using this model for the past 5 or so years, including Horace Mann.
- An example of this is responsive classroom, like the morning meetings classrooms have.
- There are four key tenants of PBIS:
 - Safety – schoolwide expectations, where all kids know what behavior is expected in the school, including discipline policies, routines and transitions.
 - Relationships – the goal is for every student to have an adult in the building they have a healthy relationships and peer support. Professional relationships and support are also important, as is family engagement.
 - Teaching and learning – there's a lot of time on social and emotional learning, as well as character values. This year they've worked on gratitude, self-control, and courage.
 - Schoolwide environment – there's a committee that looks at the data the school collects to look for patterns of behavior. The school should also be a welcoming environment.

New Business

- New families – there was some interest in having a new families playdate, similar to how we do the kindergarten family playdates in the summer before school starts.
- Horace Mann international night was an idea that came up at the last meeting – if anyone is interested in that, leading or helping, contact Karla.
- The PTA Board has two year terms and always is looking for people to join leadership roles. There are committee leads (Scholastic book fair, family service night, etc.) that will need new people as well.

PTA/HM Committee Updates

- **Family Volunteer Service Night**
 - Terri Shefelbine: Family Volunteer Service Night is February 7th 6-8 PM. Mark your calendars for Horace Mann's annual Family Volunteer Service Night. Students and families are invited to complete service projects benefiting community partners. All are welcome! People can still get involved in the planning of this year's event. Contact Terri or watch Facebook and Perspectives for more information. This year's event is streamlined and we are looking for people willing to take over planning next year.
 - Questions? Terri Shefelbine 612-237-5959
- **Spiritwear Committee**
 - Becky Clifford: Looking for some new clothing with the Horace Mann logo? *Online:* Go to landsend.com/school. You can create an account, sign in to your account, or choose "Shop Now" to shop as a guest.
 - You can find our school using the Preferred School Number Search: 900183542. Start shopping with your personalized product checklist. Shop now via the direct link: <http://www.landsend.com/pp/SchoolSearch.html?action=landing&selectedSchoolNum=900183542> *Phone:* You can call 1-800-469-2222 and reference your student's our School Number 900183542, grade level and gender. Their team of consultants are available 24/7 for assistance.
- **Make It Take It Committee**
 - Susan Weislow: Thanks to all who made Make It Take It 2019 a success! Thanks to everyone who attended. Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped with set-up, crafting, and a remarkably fast clean-up. Special thanks to Carly Odens for taking beautiful pictures for the frame project and for donating all the photographic supplies. And thanks to Matt and Laura Baerthel and Carrie Warren for bringing the third grade Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops to sell food and drinks. They raised \$225 and gave the money to Mr. Litwin in the form of gift cards to distribute to HM families in need. Interested in helping to plan Make It Take It next year? We are losing committee members as their kids graduate from Horace Mann. Email Susan Weislow sanovick@yahoo.com. so we can add you to our low-pressure planning group!
- **Silent & Live Auction Committee**
 - Allison Broughton: The Horace Mann Silent and Live Auction is Roaring into 2020! Mark your calendars and call your sitter! The Horace Mann School Silent and Live Auction will be held on the evening of Friday, March 20, 2020. This year's event will be held on the University of Saint Thomas campus in the James B. Woulfe Alumni Hall. Please watch for flyers coming home soon with additional

information on this fun annual night out for Horace Mann parents. If you have questions or would like to volunteer or donate items, please contact Allison Broughton (allisonbroughton0@gmail.com) or Amy Colaizy Hannigan (amyantoinette@gmail.com)

- **Free Family Fun Nights Committee**

- Alex Kotze: We have our first Free Family Fun Nights coming up on January 23 from 6-8pm. We will be showing a family friendly movie (announcement coming soon!) and have a snack and fun movie for all families to enjoy. All are welcome to attend. We also have a bingo night planned for February 28 with plenty of bingo and popcorn fun. We will likely have one more Free Family Night in April with a STEM theme. If you are interested in helping with any of the Free Family Nights, please contact Alex at am_kotze@yahoo.com

Attendance: Ariel Dressler, Lisa Gerard, Miguel Lindgren, Kelly Axtell, Aaron Litzenberg, Drew Mons, Laura Willson, Ann D'Amour, Jackie Hippen, Ammy Hannigan, Jill Mack, Lisa Destonbramlet, Karen Vander Sanden, Nikki Mechelke, Amy Kortum, Jim Litwin, Karla Lauerman Cummins, Melanie McMahon

Dates of importance:

- Silent Auction Planning Meeting January 13 6:30-8 pm
- PTA Sponsored Speaker January 14 6:30-8 pm
- No School January 20
- Open House January 23 5-6:30 pm
- Free Family Fun Night January 23 6-7:30 pm
- No School January 24
- School Choice Fair January 25 9:30 am-2 pm
- HM Spelling Bee January 29 8-9 am
- Silent Auction Planning Meeting February 3 6:30-8 pm
- Family Volunteer Service Night February 7 6-8 pm
- NAAPID February 10
- No School February 17
- Vocal Music Concerts Gr. 4-5 February 19 9:40-10 am and 7-7:45 pm
- Precinct Caucuses February 25
- School & Priority Application Deadline February 25
- Free Family Fun Night February 28 6-7:30 pm
- PTA Meeting March 2 6:30-7:30 pm

PTA Board members:

Co-President-Nikki Mechlke president@hms-pta.org
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