

2022-23 Horace Mann PTA Meeting **DRAFT** Minutes

Tuesday, January 10th, 2023 (Virtual)

| Agenda Item: | Notes |
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| <p>Welcome and Introductions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Call Meeting to Order/Begin Recording. Welcome and Thank You: <input type="checkbox"/> Approval of the Minutes <input type="checkbox"/> HM PTA Meetings for FY 22-23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday, March 14th - Virtual <input type="checkbox"/> Monday, April 24th - In Person <input type="checkbox"/> Monday, May 22nd - In Person | <p>Called to order 6:02 Recording acknowledged</p> <p>Approval of Minutes of the November meeting. No changes.</p> |
| <p>MN PTA president - Amy Nelson</p> | <p>Current President of the MN PTA since 2019.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All 50 states have PTA associations, and there are chapters internationally. • A PTA chapter is also a member at local, state and national PTA. • PTOs (Parent Teacher Organizations) are different in that they remain independent from the PTA's structure. • PTA's impact is bigger than just your unit. • Our meeting was the biggest she's attended! <p>The PTA advocates for all children, at every level. Our school does not go it alone – there are resources associated with the nonprofit status. We have a rich and strong history in the state.</p> <p>Why does the PTA have so many rules? It's not MN. All 501(c)3 organizations need to meet the requirements: board of directors, bylaws and file taxes. Budgets and fundraising are also important, but those are the big 3. In MN the bylaws are streamlined by adopting universal bylaws for all units within the state. They conform to the state and national guidelines.</p> <p>No changes can be made at the local level. Standing rules are the “muscles” that can</p> |

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| | <p>adapt to the local unit (although they may not be in conflict with the universal bylaws – not less restrictive, but may be more restrictive).</p> <p>All information is available at mnpta.org, and Amy is available to answer questions: amyn@mnpta.org</p> <p>The 100th birthday of MN PTA Convention is April 14-15 in Bloomington; Friday night is the “birthday party” and Saturday is the leadership convention training day (9-5) and reflection ceremony at 5 on Saturday.</p> <p>Abby asked for examples of great advocacy efforts by PTA units:</p> <p>“Little a” advocacy: addressing safety issues. Providing supplies for teachers.</p> <p>“Big A” Advocacy: join Voter Voice - the legislative call to action via the PTA.</p> <p>https://www.votervoice.net/MNPTA/Register?user=rS_S4yUdZoHh334mRXYmkA</p> <p>Federal LegCon will be virtual this year, registration is currently open. The National PTA platforms set the messaging (see pta.org).</p> <p>ActiveMinds - middle school efforts (part of the HealthyMinds initiative)</p> <p>Jen asked for the top topics to bring to the State: \$9B surplus - spending to support education. We have one of the lowest ratios of counselors and nurses in the nation. We need to seek funding to build back out. Education first.</p> |
| Tree feedback | <p>Kirsten Saylor: Tree Canopy Project https://docs.google.com/document/d/17is5q4afuVnw8vkm6isj_n0j6V6EtC-3y4HwHXw8--A/edit?usp=sharing</p> <p>“Grow Our Own” program from nutrition services. Supported by facilities at SPPS.</p> |

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| | <p>Nicole Jansma (Discovery Club) helped to coordinate gardens in the courtyard.</p> <p>Creating more outdoor learning spaces.</p> <p>Survey was conducted to assess the site and current land use and health of the current trees and other landscaping.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Seeking volunteers to be on the coordinating team. 2. Fundraising <p>Student involvement will also be discussed (including but not limited to Discovery Club).</p> <p>The district can provide some support, but not a lot. (example: wood chips).</p> <p>Rough Project Estimate \$5,000 - 9,000</p> <p>Could be phased over two years.</p> |
| Teacher updates | <p>Early this week and next the midyear data collection for reading, math and literacy (FAST testing).</p> <p>Abby asked if the FAST test results would go to parents. Mark said it was more of a progress monitoring tool for teachers to use. It may be discussed at conferences as one data collection measure.</p> <p>Read-a-thon: total with match raised \$31,000! Big thanks to everyone for making it a success.</p> <p>Amy Kortuem thanked all the parents for supporting students on e-learning days.</p> |
| Principal's Report | <p>Feedback from families on e-learning days is welcome – here's hoping they are few and far between! Mr. Litwin would like to know if there are families who are in need of resources to support e-learning days (internet connectivity, etc.)</p> <p>Budget planning: meeting w/ superintendent tomorrow. Hoping the process will begin earlier this year.</p> |

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| | <p>Waiting on formal acceptance from the district of a large donation (\$150,000 bequest estate gift) from a former Horace Mann student who lived in the neighborhood which could potentially be used to establish an endowment for Horace Mann.</p> <p>January 26 - open house for prospective families. 5th graders will serve as ambassadors.</p> <p>Music and Band are going well. Band started later than anticipated and there will be 1 concert at the end of the year. About 75 students in grades 4 and 5 are participating. The school calendar is up to date, but may be adjusted. Ukuleles have been purchased for the music program.</p> |
| Treasurer's Report | <p>\$37,000 raised between readathon and Give to the Max.</p> <p>Expenses: below budget at the moment, but many events and expenses coming up in the second half of the school year.</p> <p>Budget summary will be posted on the PTA website</p> |
| PTA Team Updates (see below) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Read-a-thon Recap <input type="checkbox"/> Give to the Max Day Recap <input type="checkbox"/> Scholastic Book Fair Recap <input type="checkbox"/> Silent and Live Auction Team - Great Gatherings <input type="checkbox"/> Free Family Nights <input type="checkbox"/> Yearbook | See notes below |
| News/Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> HM School Website (see below) <input type="checkbox"/> HM PTA Employer match and Amazon Smile (see below) <input type="checkbox"/> Horace Mann Spiritwear Store: https://shop.game-one.com/minnesota/saint-paul/horace-mann-school/ | See notes below |
| Open Forum/Action Items: | |
| Adjourn | |

HM PTA website: www.hms-pta.org If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions please email web-admin@hms-pta.org

Employer match and Amazon Smile: We also encourage families to check with their employers as many offer a company match to the cash donations made by their employees and if you are an Amazon user, go to <https://smile.amazon.com> and search for “PTA Minnesota Congress 008740 Horace Mann PTA” and designate HM PTA as your charitable organization.

Treasurer’s Report Fiscal Report for 2022-23 School Year:

- **If you are interested in more details of the PTA budget please contact Abby or Alex directly at treasurer@hms-pta.org**

Team Reports:

Give to the Max Day

Give to the Max raised over \$11K this year during GiveMN! Horace Mann School was awarded an add'l \$1K due to the Golden Ticket being drawn due to a HMS Parent donating! Thanks to everyone who donated to HMS Give to the Max!

Read-a-thon, Becky Mayer & Andrea Mayer:

Thank you to all Horace Mann students, teachers, families and friends for supporting this year's Read-a-Thon! We hope your student(s) enjoyed their new book and time spent reading. As we wrap things up, we want to share with you all of the accomplishments that deserve celebrating!

- Over \$30,000 raised for the PTA. This includes the \$10,000 match for Give to the Max Day! The Read-a-T-Thon is one of the largest fundraisers for the PTA, and the amount raised this year is enough to cover a significant portion of the music program at HMS (vocal and band).
- Classrooms receiving a pizza party for the most minutes read: Mr. Tsakistos, Mrs. Pickart, Mrs. Kortuem
- Teachers receiving a \$25 Scholastic Book Fair credit for having 100% calendar logs turned in: Mrs. Kortuem, Mrs. Vincent, Mrs. Tennyson
- School-wide pajama party scheduled for Friday, December 16, for collectively reading over 600,000 minutes!! In total, students read 663,317 minutes! WAY TO GO! This pajama party will feature Principal Litwin in a silly pair of llama pajamas!
- Also for collectively reading over 600,000 minutes, Principal Litwin kissed a llama!

Scholastic Book Fair, Maureen Hartung:

- The book fair raised over \$4000 for the library this year!! This is a huge increase, last year we raised \$690!! There is currently about \$4400 in our scholastic account!! PLUS an additional \$200 in rewards because we did the extra work this year!!!

FFN, Kristan Nolan & Meghan Rodriguez:

- Movie Night 1/13 6-8pm
- Dance Party 2/10 6:30-7:30pm

FVS, Laura Wilson:

- Tentative Event planned for February 16th

Make It Take It, Grace Hanson

Successful MITI Event that occurred this past December 1st, 2022!

Silent & Live Auction Team: Allison Broughton:**Auction Update:**

The auction is the PTA's biggest fundraiser of the year, and we need your help! Last year's event raised over \$49,000 to support Horace Mann's music program and other enrichment opportunities, discretionary supply funds for teachers and opportunities for students, their families and our school community to connect.

Learn all about this fun annual event and its impact on the auction website:

<https://one.bidpal.net/allaboardhoracemann>

What you can do now:

- **Donate items for our silent auction catalog** - examples: purchase a giftcard to your favorite local restaurant or shop to donate; build a themed gift basket; donate your time! Service offers for lawn care, delivery of baked goods or crock pot meals, etc.; Unique and one of a kind handcrafted items; tickets to sporting events. Donate your item by completing the form here: <https://one.bidpal.net/allaboardhoracemann/donate-item> or contact the committee at auction@hms-pta.org
- **Learn more about Great Gatherings and sign up to host!** Great Gatherings are parties and other fun activities hosted by Horace Mann families, typically running through the summer and early fall. They provide unique opportunities outside of school for families and students to connect outside of the school day and make new friends. Hosting families cover the costs of their Gathering, and all proceeds from Great Gathering ticket sales support the Horace Mann School PTA's fundraising efforts. Frequently, multiple families will co-host an event to share costs. Great Gathering tickets are sold at fixed prices through the online silent auction (available this year starting Monday, February 27). Contact the Great Gatherings squad (Karen Vander Sanden, Emily O'Neill and Crystal Frank) at hmgreatgatherings@gmail.com

What you can do later:

- **Bid on fantastic silent auction items and sign up for Great Gatherings on the auction website February 27 - March 3**

- **Purchase raffle tickets** (dates/locations for raffle ticket sales TBD - watch Perspectives and your email!)
- **Make plans to attend the in-person, adults-only evening event on Friday, March 3 at the University of St. Thomas's Woulfe Alumni Hall** - hearty appetizer buffet and hosted soft drinks, cash bar, program, bidding on exclusive live auction showcase items with professional auctioneer Rusty Kath and a fund-a-need giving moment to take our fundraising goal over the top! Tickets for the in-person event go on sale next Friday, January 13 on the auction website \$25 each, complimentary for HM teachers and staff.

January Meeting Invite:

Horace Mann PTA is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: HMS PTA Meeting - Tuesday January 10th 2023

Time: Jan 10, 2023 06:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81446571518?pwd=UVAxRVVo4c2lzT1AxVEkvb1J4THVBdz09>

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Attendance

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