

Rogers-Herr Year Round Middle School

PTA General Body Meeting

Thursday, December 6, 2012 6:30 pm

The meeting was called to order by President, Kim Deck, who welcomed everyone and introduced Principal Michael Fuga.

Guest Speaker/Presentation: Mr. Fuga and Ms. Hines presented information regarding the Discovery time students are engaged in. Ms. Hines profiled the “Student Corner” where a group of students are writing and producing their own web site. This site will soon feature the Student of the Month. “Rams News” is also an avenue for students to write and produce the news broadcast among all classrooms, and students do all the production work. Mr. Fuga also mentioned that Mr. Smith requested the folks from “Rubberbanditz” web site to come to the school and review proper weight training and nutrition with a select group of Discovery students. RHMS was added to the web site and the students were thrilled. Other ‘Discovery’ classes include Jazzband, Advanced Strings, Spirit, Art Club and Spanish. This is the first year across all middle schools to offer Discovery time, so every 9 weeks there might be changes, and teachers have a lot of influence to make changes based on how well these classes and activities are received.

Mr. Fuga recognized Jeremy Kilpatrick, a 6th grader, who recently won a national competition called “Save Outloud” and next week, RHMS will skype with the Secretary of Treasury from the White House.

Presidents Points: Kim Deck mentioned that the minutes from this meeting will be posted to the web site.

Membership: Encourage everyone to join and at the Showcase Night next week, we will have a membership drive so please encourage your friends and the teachers on your teams to join the PTA.

Treasurer’s Treasures: The by-laws state that the treasurer position can be held for 2 consecutive years, and since Heather Baxter was treasurer for the previous two years, we need to elect a new treasurer tonight. Responsibilities include receiving and depositing funds, writing checks, budget maintenance and monthly reports to the Executive Board as well as General Board.

Anjanette Wiggins volunteered to serve in this position and was unanimously voted in as new treasurer.

We partnered with the music department when the Cookie Dough Sale was held earlier in the school year. A motion was made to move 2400.00 dollars from the budget to the music department as a portion of the funds raised by the 7th and 8th graders. A second was obtained and the motion was carried.

Concessions – the PTA was asked to participate in providing snacks at athletic events, and a portion of the profits would go towards the athletic department. The Executive Board is recommending that we split the profit 60% to PTA and 40% to the athletic department, with this most recent transfer of money going towards the football team. There was approximately 2300.00 dollars profit from this endeavor. There is no line item in the budget for these profits from concessions.

It was recommended from the floor that in the spring we should re-visit this topic and discuss whether or not the PTA will continue with providing the concessions, and if we do, can we make sure other sports are recognized other than primarily football and basketball.

A motion was carried to split the profits for concessions as mentioned above.

Fundraising: We have order forms available tonight and on line for those interested in ordering hoodie's as our current fundraiser. Please complete all the information on the order form. There are sample sizes in the office, and note that hoodies cannot be returned for the wrong size. These items should be available after the winter break.

Please feel free to recommend or suggest other ways to raise money for the PTA.

Wellness: We had a dance in August, there are plans for another Zumba class and possibly a Wellness Club. More information to come.

Cool Cash: We will begin a competition for collecting box tops and large bottles will be in the foyer – please participate as you are able. There will be a winning prize for the grade level that collects the most box tops. Also, please remember to link your Harris Teeter, Kroger and Target Red Card to our school.

Hospitality: We will sponsor a Christmas Breakfast for the staff. The date for this event will be December 12, 2012. Please watch for email or visit the school web site for ways that you can contribute to this event.

Communications: Jimmy Anderson is our communications officer. Please feel free to contact him with information that you would like to see distributed. There are several ways that we are trying to improve communication: PTA database emails, school web site, student web site, kiosk outside the school, announcements made during school also included in connect ed messages, and please note you need to create a Yahoo Profile to receive emails from the yahoo group.

General Body PTA Meeting: February 11, 2013 @ 6:30 PM (Cafeteria)

Executive Board Meeting: January 7, 2013 @ 6:30 PM (Media Center) All are welcome.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Walker