

Northampton High School PTO Monthly Meeting
 380 Elm Street
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 Wednesday, April 9th, 2014
 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
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In Attendance: Wendy Bernstein, Paula Baretsky, Monica Green, Geri Kleinman, Sharon Saline, Ruth Ever, Carrie Goldstein, Megan Rubiner-Zinn

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION/RESPONSIBLE
Introductions and Approval of Minutes from previous meeting	March 2014 minutes approved.	
Officer Nominations/Volunteers for tasks for 2014/1015	Everyone should try to bring a person/potential volunteer to next month's meeting.	All
	Monica Green is willing to continue as Treasurer, coordinate the directory, and fall fundraising appeal. She would like to delegate the end of year fundraising flyer and Honor Thy Teacher responsibilities.	Monica Green
	Geri Kleinman will help with Honor Thy Teacher and help with other events as needed.	Geri Kleinman
	Carrie Goldstein is willing to be Secretary.	Carrie Goldstein
	Ruth Ever is stepping down as Chairwoman, but would like to stay involved and will help with Eat for Education.	Ruth Ever, All
	Nancy Whalen Viola – Ruth will ask her to take on a larger role on the Communications Committee.	Ruth/Nancy Whalen Viola
	Wendy Bernstein will do Teacher Appreciation, Listserv, and Honor Thy Teacher with Monica and Geri. She will consider taking on the role of Chairperson.	Wendy Bernstein
	Megan Rubiner-Zinn will co-chair listserv and will continue to work on Facebook/Social Media and Valley Gives Day.	Meghan Rubiner-Zinn

<p>Finance and Fundraising Treasurer's Report</p> <p>Eat for Education</p> <p>Mini Grants approval and review of timeline</p>	<p>Paula Baretzky needs to take a step back, but will help Wendy with Teacher Appreciation and be a general back up person.</p> <p>Sharon Saline will help at the Freshman picnic selling spirit wear and be a go-to person for back up help. She is also willing to be on the Mini-Grants committee. Greg White will chair it. Not sure if Mary Price will continue. Ruth will check.</p> <p>We need to find someone to volunteer to be responsible for Transperformance.</p> <p>See treasurer's report</p> <p>Follow up thank you notes were mailed and we are waiting for checks to come in before ascertaining the final amount raised. Timing of poster delivery and size of poster was discussed. We may want posters delivered later and size to be smaller. We need to think about a different system for next year – perhaps a symbol for participating restaurants. Also increase presence in Gazette and Social Media next year.</p> <p>InventTeam – Kate Dollard</p> <p>1. The Committee recommended and the PTO approved a grant of \$300 for the team to create a prototype that will help to qualify them for an M.I.T. grant and possibly join the M.I.T. team.</p> <p>2. Deb Coon Ms. Coon submitted a request for \$1,000.00 to buy Garage Band Software to use as a teaching aid in a course to be offered next year. After discussion, the PTO did not approve the grant and instead requested a more specific proposal be re-submitted.</p> <p>Everyone agree that all future Mini-Grants be submitted electronically.</p> <p>Sue Sullivan would like the PTO to provide money for several I-Pad Covers. Wendy will follow up. (Big Lots has them for under \$10)</p>	<p>Paula Baretzky</p> <p>Sharon Saline</p> <p>All</p> <p>Monica Green</p> <p>Ruth/All</p> <p>Ruth</p>
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Family Fourth Celebration	The PTO has decided not to participate again.	
Red Sox Appreciation Day	Potential dates were discussed. The Northamptones will be performing and Ruth will check to see if that is an available date.	
Community Building Parent forums – Rachel Simmons	Rachel Simmons, author of Odd Girl Out is scheduled to speak. The Northampton Prevention Coalition is paying for the event. The PTO is co-sponsoring the event to help with arrangements in the absence of Marissa Heeble. Wendy will ask the JFK PTO if they would like to be a co-sponsor or otherwise help organize and promote the event. Geri will talk to NCTV to see if the event can be televised. Ruth will talk to Rachel to see if she would consent to being televised. Monica will arrange an appropriate space for the event. Ruth will get a flyer out and check to see if Marissa’s assistant has already done a press release. Monica will put an announcement in the newsletter and the Gazette, Facebook and social media.	Ruth, Wendy, Geri, Monica
Angelo Rota/ Technology Forum	Angelo has agreed to speak. The PTO members discussed format and timing. It was proposed that we hold the event on June 9 in the Little Theater or the library. The format could be a State of Technology Panel Discussion including Angelo Rota, Bryan Lombardi and Chris Brennan. The event could be used as a thank you/celebration of our fundraising success. Sharon Saline will type a proposal, ask the school council to co-sponsor the event and formulate questions. Angelo can give a short introduction/brief. We should invite all Department Heads so they can give input as to how technology enhances their work. Monica will check on space availability.	Sharon Saline, Monica Green.
Other Updates or Announcements	NA	NA

NEXT MEETING: Upcoming Meetings (7pm to 8:30 pm NHS Library): 5/14, 6/11