

Northampton High School PTO Monthly Meeting
380 Elm Street
Northampton, MA 01060 - Library
Thursday September 4, 2014
7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
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In Attendance: Nancy Whalen Viola, Monica Green, Tammy Maginnis, Wendy Bernstein, Rebecca Busansky, Kristin Edmonds, Rick Haggerty

| TOPIC | DISCUSSION | ACTION/RESPONSIBLE |
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| <p>Introductions and approval of minutes from previous meetings</p> | <p>June 2014 minutes were approved.</p> | <p>All</p> |
| <p>Finance and Fundraising Treasurer's Report</p> | <p>Monica Green provided the treasurer's report. Current balance as of 6.11.14 is ~\$14,000. Honor Thy Teacher netted >\$4500. NHS PTO invested \$21,800 in Technology @ NHS 2013-2014 We will outline on the NHS PTO website what items we have purchased (30 Chromebooks, Chromebook cart donated, 5 ceiling mounted projectors, projector for Black Box Theater, 3 Document Cameras, 2 ipads</p> | |
| <p>RFP and Teacher Wish Lists</p> | <p>Parameters were outlined in June 2014 PTO Minutes. Wish Lists <\$250 RFP>\$250 No carry-over of previous wish lists, will begin new teacher wish list process. Tammy has opened an account TeacherList.com. Self managed website. Teachers can access website to sign up for items needed and parents can identify what items they wish to purchase for teachers. Rebecca Busansky has offered to help with the RFP process along</p> | |

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| | <p>with last year's volunteers Mary Price and Greg White. RFP timeline send out letter/application in September, review applications and notify teachers in October/Nov 2014</p> <p>Will request to be placed on NHS Faculty meeting agenda to communicate with NHS Faculty re RFP/Wish List parameters, Teacher Wish List.com, new NHS PTO website, electronic Hamp Highlights.</p> | <p>Wendy Bernstein (faculty meeting)</p> |
| <p>Valley Gives update and timeline</p> | <p>Valley Gives Mark is December 10, 2014 If interested PTO members are invited/encouraged to partake in webinars supported by Valley Gives We rec'd \$3600 2013 Valley Gives</p> | <p>Megan Zinn (Valley Gives)</p> |
| <p>PROJECTS Website/HH</p> | <p>Tammy gave an update re NHS PTO website and electronic Hamp Highlights HH will go out next Thursday 9/11. Letter to NHS faculty will go out 9/5 for HH submissions</p> <p>Our new mailing list aka Listserve is now through Mailchimp. No need to use Valinet</p> | <p>Tammy Maginnis Wendy Bernstein (HH blog/HH newsletter)</p> |
| <p>NHS Directory</p> | <p>Goal is to have the directory completed mid October. Fundraising appeal will go out with directory Monica is hoping to meet beginning and mid October to organize directory mailing.</p> | <p>Monica Green (directory)</p> |
| <p>PLANNING NHS Open House</p> | <p>Need NHS Spiritwear, cash, FSB ballots</p> | <p>Rick Haggerty (Open House)</p> |
| <p>Stop & Shop A+ Rewards</p> | <p>Hoping to have computer access so parents can register for Stop &</p> | |

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| | <p><u>Shop A+ Rewards program.</u> Sue Biggs will coordinate having sign up sheets in each classroom the night of Open House Direct link is on NHS PTO website open 9/15. Last year \$5000 was earned. Monica has secured 3 dates to volunteer at Stop & Shop asking customers to nominate NHS for the A+ Rewards 4 ppl needed/shift Sept 6th, 20th & 27th 11am-1pm Sign Up Genius will be used to ask for volunteers Kits (clipboards, pens, sheets for sign up) needed for volunteers</p> <p>Parents are encouraged to email/contact neighbors, friends etc to sign up for program</p> | <p>Monica Green (A+ Rewards)</p> |
| <p>Hampshire County College Fair</p> | <p>Lisann Giordano requested volunteers in July to help with college fair.</p> | <p>Wendy Bernstein (College Fair volunteers)</p> |
| <p>PTO BUSINESS Secretary</p> | <p>In June Carrie Goldstein has volunteered to be secretary every other month</p> | <p>Wendy Bernstein to reach out to others in the event Carrie cannot attend</p> |
| <p>Vacant NHS PTO Tasks</p> | <p>Need help with NHS Spirit Wear and FSB Customer Choice Grant</p> | |
| <p>PTO GOALS/PRIORITIES 2014-2015</p> | <p>Discussed goals should we consider continuing with technology support? Consider Prof Dev. If it is determined technology will be our fundraising priority we need to show our supporters what we have purchased and why it is important we continue with this fundraising effort. Discussed creating video showing continued benefits of technological enhancements. Post on FB, Twitter, NHS PTO website, NPS website,</p> | |

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| <p>PTO Meeting Schedule</p> | <p>Mailchimp, use for Valley Gives</p> <p>Annual NHS PTO Meeting to take place Thursday Oct 2. Will invite Mr Lombardi</p> <p>Will hold monthly meeting the first Thursday of each month. May need to re-evaluate if attendance is low</p> | |
| <p>Community Building</p> | | |
| <p>Other Updates or Announcements</p> | <p>Rebecca Busansky began a conversation about Parent Teacher Conferences @ NHS.</p> <p>Next Meeting Thursday Oct 2 @ 7pm</p> <p>Minutes submitted by Wendy Bernstein, to be reviewed and approved @ Oct 2 2014 meeting</p> | <p>Rebecca will gather more information.</p> |

Upcoming Meetings (7pm to 8:30 pm NHS Library) 11/6, 12/4, 1/8, 2/5, 3/5, 4/2, 5/7, 6/4

Mission:

We are a volunteer organization that works to support and strengthen our high school community by:

**Raising funds to support teachers and staff and the enrichment of our students' educational experience,*

**Enhancing communication between school and home,*

**Sponsoring activities for students that are safe, fun and inclusive.*