

## NHS PTO Meeting Minutes -- October 10, 2017

Present: Thea, Rhys Epich, Zoe, Laura Frogameni, Megan Rubiner Zinn, Susan Voss, Wendy Cooper, Ruth Von Goeler, Rebecca Busansky, Karen Hettlinger

Topic	Discussion	Action Plan
<b>National Honor Society &amp; Key Club</b>	Laura introduced guest speakers Quinn, Cindy, Ariana, and Mr. Moylan who spoke about the National Honor Society and the Key Club. The Key Club is part of the Kiwana's, The Key Club does community oriented projects including picking up trash along the bike path, a food package event with Hungry New England, and collecting and donating to the food insecure. Curenently collecting donations for life straws to send to Puerto Rico. There are approximately 30 member that meets the 1st Monday of the month 6-7pm in the cafeteria. It is a due based organization and they are currently raising funds for scholarships for the New England event, Decon, that gives checks to service organization and votes on board members. There is a mandatory 1 hour community service (not in school) per month requirement. Quinn spoke to us about the NHS which is also a community service organization. The NHS has 4 pillars which the organization is based: Scholarship, Leadership, Character, and Service. Members need to have a 3.4 GPA and a teacher recommendation. Students may apply in their Junior year. All members must do 20 hours of community service (in & out of school). The NHS members provide tutoring after school in the NHS library on Wednesday. There are approx. 70-80 members. Some of the other projects they work on is 1 to 1 tutoring, volunteering for Shelter Sunday, and putting together survival kits for freshmen for finals week.	
<b>Introductions</b>	Went around the table to introduce ourselves to new people.	
<b>RFPs</b>	Zoe reviewed the RFP process and asked for volunteers to review the requests. There were 5 requests to date. Zoe to follow up with Dena and collect any additional RFPs that come in. RFP team will review and present at next PTO mtg.	Zoe to follow up.
<b>Books Requests</b>	Susan reviewed book requests, Amazon has best \$. We discussed wrapping book requests into the RFP / Small Grant requests. Additional discussion needs to happen with Lombardi regarding budgeting and how we can work together on a solution.	Laura will follow up with teacher re: current needs.
<b>Japanese Student Cultural Exchange Program</b>	Thea opened up discussion on an opportunity for the school community to participate in a Japanese Cultural Exchange program. The program would host Japanese students the weekend of March 17. There are a total 28 Japanese students (19 boys and 9 girls) needing host families. Thea asked for volunteers to organize and to host but interest was low.	Thea will let Mr. Lombardi know.

<b>Directory &amp; Fall Ask</b>	Rhys is working on the directory with Scott and Karen Sullivan and will email when envelope stuffing volunteers will be needed.	Rhys will update when volunteers are needed.
<b>Finance Update</b>	The Anonymous PayPal donation of \$1,809.34 will be deposited. Discussion centered around wanting to thank the donor and allowing the anonymity.	Rhys will deposit the donation.
<b>Treasurer's Office</b>	With Rhys' children transferring to another school the PTO needs to ask for a volunteer to take the position. Rhys will stay on to train the incoming volunteer and both she and Monica will be on hand if needed. Other volunteer tasks associated with the position will need to be picked up by other PTO members.	Volunteers will be requested; will send out through HH and the email list.
<b>Principal Appreciation Lunch</b>	Zoe asked for volunteer to take over the Principal Appreciation Lunch.	Ruth will handle the organization.
<b>Spirit Wear</b>	Zoe is looking into an online ordering system for spirit wear . Suggested to reach out to NABC (Glenn Connolly) as they do online sales.	Zoe to follow up.
<b>Giving Tuesday</b>	Megan will follow up.	
<b>Florence Savings Bank</b>	Rhys is asking for a volunteer to take over. Additionally need to publicize in HH, FB, and Web.	
<b>Next Meeting</b>	Tuesday, November 14.	