

Hamagrael PTA Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2010

- I. Call to Order
- II. President's Report: Amy Higgs and Stacey Novak
 - A. Introduction of Board Members- see Website for PTA contact information
 1. Membership reminder- return form/check to get your school directory
 2. Recent PTA purchases- new school sign, new swing set (coming soon)
 - B. Committees and Volunteer Opportunities. Please return forms
 - C. Report from Presidents' Council
 1. SNN. Limited to essential and emergency information
 2. Anti Bullying Campaign
 - a. Oct 5th. Panel Discussion on cyber bullying,
 - b. Oct 21st Speaker on bullying
 3. Fiscal Think Tank. BCSD. Karen Meyer- Hamagrael representative
- III. Treasurer's report: Ellen Sauer and Sharmon Valerian
 - A. Approval of Budget. motion: Amy Higgs, second: Gail Boyd
 1. Income
 - a. Box tops for Education. Send them in
 - b. Target, Hannaford, Price Chopper Program. Sign up
 - c. Fall/ Spring Book Fair
 - d. Craft Fair
 - e. Fall Family Picnic raised about \$1000
 2. New Expenses
 - a. Kitchen garden
 - b. Possibility of a new committee- The Green Committee.
Lisa Kwong will post for interested parents on PTA website
 - B. Fundraising Ideas. Gift cards, Bethlehem Business Discount Cards
- IV. Principal's Report: Dave Ksanznak
 - A. Thank you to Peg Buffaline and Theresa Harvey for co-chairing the Fall Family picnic. 630 attended.
 - B. 1000 Book Project. Robbie Held working on his boy scout Eagle Award. Book drive to replace missing books, new bins and bags. Look for more information about how you can help
- V. New Business
 - A. School Pictures. Notices went home, order forms going out on Thursday.
 - B. Halloween Party. Carol Roeder. Haunted House needs battery powered lights, cd players, Halloween décor and volunteers
 - C. Family Skating Party. Lara Vazquetelles. Date: Sat. Jan 8th at 5pm and Sat March 12th at 3:30pm. At Bethlehem Area YMCA
 - D. Caper. Amanda Knickerson. Reading Program runs Nov-April from 6:30-7:30 on Thursdays. Volunteers needed to bring cookies and juice Children can sign up to read with Mrs. Held, the librarian

- E. Science Fair. Jill Adams. Looking for a committee co-chair
 - F. Craft Fair. Mandy Fallon. Needs volunteers.
 - G. After school Enrichment. Gail Boyd. Look for info mid-October
 - H. Healthy Kids. Karen Shaw.
 - 1. Organic Kitchen Garden. Thanks to the 10 families that adopted it over the summer.
 - 2. Oct 18022 Farm to You Fest. Recipe Contest, Special Menu, Fresh Food Drive, Farmer's Market programs
 - 3. Farmers in the Classroom
 - 4. "Fresh the Movie" screening coming up
 - I. Art Fundraiser. Needs a chairperson
 - J. Art Show and Ice Cream Social. Needs a chairperson
 - K. Volunteer Coordinator. Needs a chairperson
- VI. Old Business. None.
- VII. Jump Start Volunteer Opportunities: Jen Spore
- A. Parents and community members needed to read with children one hour a week, mostly in the morning.
 - B. K, 1st, and 2nd graders that need a reading boost get to visit with three volunteers each week for the entire year.
 - C. Contact the PTA or Jen Spore to volunteer and make a difference
- VIII. Adjournment. Amy Higgs

Submitted by Theresa Somaio Harvey and Amy Davenport, co-secretaries on Sept 22nd.