

Hallsville PTO Meeting Minutes from January 26, 2015

13 Members present: Jeanie Whitlatch, Stacy Fick, Angie Stewart, Lindsey Stinson, Kim Chinn, Terah Washam, Annmarie Athon, Sherri Briedwell, Karen Jimerson, Pam Scott, Penny Fadler, Andi Heller, Michelle Haynam.

Meeting was brought to order by Sherri Briedwell. She presented the new by-laws. Lindsey Stinson made a motion to accept the new by-laws as written. Jeanie Whitlatch seconds the motion. New by-laws are now active.

Sherri Briedwell asked for nominations for a new president. Penny Fadler nominated Jeanie Whitlatch for President; she accepted the nomination and was elected President. Jeanie Whitlatch took over running the meeting as our 2015 President. Kim Chinn volunteered for Vice President; she was elected as Vice President. Andi Heller nominated Michelle Haynam as Secretary; she accepted and was elected as Secretary. Penny Fadler nominated Pam Scott as Treasurer; she accepted and was elected as Treasurer.

NEW OFFICERS:

President: Jeanie Whitlatch
Vice President: Kim Chinn
Secretary: Michelle Haynam
Treasurer: Pam Scott

Topics discussed:

1. PTO Participation is very low. How can we increase participation?
 - Personal phone calls inviting NEW families
 - Welcome packet create to give to Kindergarten Families/New families to the district
 - Shirts created for PTO members
 - Have a PTO representative at Kindergarten registration to welcome and give the first intro to what PTO does (or at least a table with information/handout)
 - Have a PTO representative at the first day of kindergarten, Mrs. Jimerson said it would be an opportunity to reach most families
 - Send more Email Blasts
 - Post to the Hallsville School app and PTO Facebook page
2. Fundraising, Ideas.....
 - Trivia Night (Cheerleaders have done a Taco Trivia Night in the past)
 - Daddy/Daughter Dance or Family Dance Party
 - Hoe Down, Square Dance
 - Have someone taking pictures to sell
 - Swing-a-thon
 - Bike-a-thon
 - Burger & Fries (others have done it before, receiving lots of the set up items donated)
 - 5K for PTO
 - Running Club could sponsor
 - NHS could help with signs

- Making a donation instead of actually selling merchandise
 - Mrs. Jimerson will work on a letter for families
 - Letter would state what the funds beginning raised are for specifically
- 3. Partners in Education? Do we have one? The school district does not have a Partner in Education.
- 4. Events: Other events PTO could have:
 - Hosting separate events for each building to increase turn out and age appropriate games/theme
 - Movie Night
 - Could have a movie night outside, sell glo sticks, snow cones, popcorn
 - Have it the last Friday before school is over for the 2014-2015
 - Invite next year's incoming kindergarteners
 - School has a blow up screen

Nikki Schwartz gave a presentation on Apps to download, Apps to stay away from, and websites to visit.

Our Next Hallsville PTO meeting will be February 23, 2015 at 6:30 pm.