

2015-2016 Happy Hollow PTO Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 9, 2016

Happy Hollow Cafeteria

In attendance: Amanda Miles, Sally Lehr, Irene Rideout, Christine Walsh, Sara Langan, Mike Spellman, Nate Buffum, Samantha Richter, Jennifer Pearlman, Kara Harrington, Karen Berkowitz, Julie Suratt, Cathy Caulfield

Review by Jen Pearlman:

- **Social Smarts Night:** Principal's Coffee have often had low attendance, but this one we served food and childcare, and it was really well attended. Very well-run.
- **Math night:** Childcare was one of the reasons it was a big success.
- **Lost and Found:** Now we're really going to give it away: Cradles to Crayons. Jen washed it all.
- **Stop & Shop tally:** We have rewards. We are up \$1,700 for the year. Oct.-March. Last year: \$900. We did a really big push this year. Money goes to the school, not PTO. But we put a big push on it.

Coming Up

Bingo Night: All elementary schools on March 11: full. Should we do multiple seatings? Julie Suratt (organizer): might be exhausting.

Comedy Night: April 8: for adults. Shall we open it up to other schools? Can't because Loker's got a movie night, and Claypit has talent show. Do people know what it is? \$12/ticket. Spellman: Is that how I want to spend a Friday night when I have a babysitter? Jen: We thought it would be better because it's close to home. Nate: I thought it was a talent show of sorts. Will there be comedians? Maybe you should have a clip of the show? Write that it's almost sold out. Amanda Miles: Could we do a competition between lower and upper elementary school parents? Irene Rideout: Could we provide babysitting there? Kara: Have email say that the parents could sit with parents of their classmates.

Talent Show: auditions are next week. Show is April 1. 90 seconds per act. It moves along.

Playground

Update: Playground equipment put in around the mid-90s. it started to fall apart. PTO started to pay for pieces. Realized we should be using taxpayer money. Wanted to get everyone into one place to discuss this: Jessica Brodie is the new recreation director. She is super-busy but has gone to bat for us. Rec Commission stepped up: we'll put in a capital budget line item for \$100K. They want to be in charge of all playgrounds around town. Finance committee has to approve it. Jen brought poster board that showed the playground and how sparse it was. Finance committee agreed. Town administrator wanted a "memorandum of understanding" to be drawn up: who is going to take care of these playgrounds and when. Apparently it was done. Still doing some finalizing, but they have really come through.

Designing the playground: Rec Commission has money to be used from this budget to design the playground. Rec Director contacted three design companies to submit proposals. We don't want you to spend money on something that may not happen. Have to build during the summer only. That's really tight. Jen went to talk to rec director to ask: Can we book a meeting the day after town meeting with the designers (assuming we get 100K approved at town meeting)?

