



Hickory PTA Association

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 9, 2021 at 6:30pm
Virtual Teleconferencing (Zoom)

The meeting was called to order at 6:33pm.

Recording Secretary:

- The minutes from the September 9th, 2021 Association Meeting were reviewed and accepted for audit.

President's Message:

- Thank you for being a part of the Hickory community! We've made a coordinated effort to keep everyone updated about what's been happening at school and we'll keep on doing that. There are several ways to stay informed:
 - Become a member
 - Join our mailing list
 - Follow us on Facebook
 - Visit our website: <https://www.hickorypta.net/> (a huge thanks to our VP of Communication Sara Romero for posting online, getting out the monthly newsletter and updating our website).
- Unit directory is available online. This contains pages of resources, including the district calendar and contact info for the entire board and all the teachers.
- Skechers Walk - Over \$125,000 raised for Torrance Education Fund. Hickory earned \$23,840 (the most of any school). The class that raised the most was Mrs. Ondo's 2nd grade class.
- Torrance Council of PTAs' Project HOPE is always collecting toiletries, non-perishable foods for their food bank, and monetary (and gift card) donations for TUSD students that face housing uncertainty. They successfully fulfilled 128 Halloween costume requests so families could take part in that, as well as recently packed over 60 boxes and bags of food in time for the Thanksgiving holiday.
- A record 450 emergency kits were packed and delivered by Shivani Kraus this fall. Thank you for your hard work and we appreciate your efforts at coordinating Red Ribbon Week also.

- Our first in-person PTA event - Movie Night - was held at Hickory Park, very fun and well attended, due largely to our chairperson Alexa Davis and her committee volunteers.
- A huge thank you to all our teachers, staff, board members and chairpersons for their hard work and dedication.

Board Recommendations:

1. That the Association ratify the following program chairs:
 - a. Adrienne Downs as Co-Library Chair
 - b. Sofia Yassin and Chris Maleki as Co-Chairs for the Legislative Committee
 - c. Chris Maleki as Chair of Blue Ribbon Week and the Bike Rodeo
 - d. Stacey Wong as Copy Center Chair

Shivani Kraus made a motion to ratify the program chairs as presented. Sara Romero seconded the motion. No discussion. No opposition. Motion carried.

Business:

- Treasurer's report: Winnie Nguyen
 - General Account
 - Opening Balance on 9/1/2021: \$21773.62
 - Deposits: \$27742.17
 - Disbursements: \$8911.82
 - Ending Balance on 11/30/2021: \$40603.97
 - Scrip Account
 - Opening Balance on 9/1/2021: \$21642.36
 - Deposits: \$3264.26
 - Disbursements: \$0.00
 - Ending Balance on 11/30/2021: \$24906.62
- Presentation of Bills
- Checks to ratify: #2682 to #2699
- Financial secretary's report: Liana Osborne

Committee Reports/Updates:

- Direct Donations: Christa Malsbury
 - Raised over \$20,000
 - 1st grade is in the lead, prizes given out two times already, along with Dec 10 and Dec 17. There's a chance for a Nintendo switch and games.
- Membership: Nelly Nevarez

- 256 members; 100% teacher and administrator participation
- Spiritwear: Sunny Joo
 - [Sweatshirt design poll](#) -
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1LlcWAHWPtINNqE1pU2cSIUOUgLppLfMOBt7Vg1kZs0/edit?usp=drivesdk>
- Adventures in Art: Amanda Kirsch
 - First project: Nightwalk; second project: Pop Art Postcards coming up
- Copy Center: Stacey Wong
 - Training tomorrow at 10:30am
- Readathon: Aileen Su/ Christina Choi
 - We had a very successful Readathon, raising over \$20,000!
- Library: Adrienne Downs
 - Adrienne and Sunny have been very busy getting things up and running in the library, training volunteers, coming in every day to inventory books, and taking books home to cover them.
- Toy drive: Ryan Kitagawa
 - Dec 2nd - Dec 15th
 - We have had lots of toy donations so far.
- Reflections: Sunny Joo
 - 3 of our 7 1st place winners were chosen by Council to advance to the District level of competition.
 - Winners are: [Jaewon Lee](#) for primary division of music composition, [Sydney Hifumi](#) for intermediate visual arts category, and [Ilsa Romero](#) for her intermediate photography entry! Further details will be given to winners in January. Congratulations!
- Yearbook: Sunny Joo
 - Sales will begin in January. New email to submit photos: hickoryptayearbook@gmail.com. More details on what categories we're accepting soon.
- 1st VP (Programs): Christina Choi
 - Need chairs for the following positions: 5th Grade Ceremony and Reception Chair, Multicultural Week Chair, Safety Chair, Food Drive Chair, and Scholarship Chair.
 - Please contact Christina at ckay121@sbcglobal.net if you're interested or have any questions.
- 2nd VP (Fundraising): Mary Ishida

- Our first restaurant fundraiser at Lemonade in October was a success!
- 3rd VP (Volunteers): Vidya Yakkundi
 - Room reps still needed: Mrs. Pendrick, Mrs. Lo Grande, Mrs. Zimmerman
 - Even if we can't have holiday parties or classroom volunteers, room reps can still aid teachers in planning activities or coordinating a class gift and Teacher's Appreciation Week.
- 4th VP (Communications): Sara Romero
 - Be sure to check the PTA website for latest information.
- Parliamentarian: Christa Malsbury
- Historian: Keri Kaba-Dien
 - Be sure to log your volunteer hours for November.
- Auditor: Liv Yuki
- Advisor: Mrs. Mabery
- Teacher Reps: Mrs. Tyrrell and Mrs. Risk

**** Please contact us if you have any questions or feedback. We welcome your participation in building an amazing community here at Hickory! ****

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Activity: "Are You Smarter Than a Hickory Hound?"

- Short (10-min), optional trivia game after the meeting is adjourned. Please stay on if you want to compete for prizes, such as spiritwear shirts and copies of the 2020 yearbook.
- *Hint:* getting your kids' help to answer questions is highly encouraged! Only one sign-in per household please.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.

- Instructions:

Game is best played on a separate device than the one you are using for Zoom.

 1. Go to <https://kahoot.it/> on your phone.
 2. Type in the Game PIN that will be displayed at game time.
 3. Type in your name or a nickname. This will display for all players to see. Tap "OK Go!"
 4. You will answer the questions on your phone. Have fun!