



NHS PTO Meeting Minutes—October 12, 2017

Meeting convenes at 9:20 am. All board members are present. Attendance is taken via sign-in sheet. Howard welcomes everyone to today's meeting. He introduces two guest speakers Sarah Summers Member of Board of Trustees for the Norwell Public Library and Judy McConarty Norwell Public Library Director came to present on the Norwell Library project. The Norwell Public Library was awarded \$6.4 million in a first application submission grant money to build brand new library. On December 4th at 7 PM at the Norwell Middle School gym there will be special election held to discuss the proposed plan for the new library. More information about this project can be found on the library website www.norwellpubliclibrary.org. The goal is to bring the library up to code, handicap accessible, expand adult and youth programs and provide a community center for the residents and students.

Budget Report

Dues are coming in. The PTO has paid for insurance for the high school gifted camera. Jen gave an update on

the 501 (c)(3) application. She had to complete 2 forms rather than very extensive application.

The PTO receipts come to under \$50 K. The response should come in 10 days with the approval.

By having 501c in place provides the PTO to be exempt from paying taxes and offer tax benefits to businesses who support and advertise with PTO.

Motion to accept budget is made, seconded, and approved.

Grant Requests

No grant request at this time.

PTO business

Goals for this year:

- By applying for 501(c)(3) the PTO needs to obey the articles of associations and bylaws. The PTO needs to spend funds in the year they were accrued and bylaws were updated. Motion to accept the articles of association and bylaws were made, seconded and approved.
- PTO is supporting Katie Greer, a speaker for middle and high school during school and parents at night at the Norwell Middle School tonight at 7PM.
- Howard gave quick recap from last weeks half year district meeting with the superintendent Matthew Keegan. Mr. Keegan spoke and presented the upcoming strategic plan goals and district improvements. Detailed presentations can be found on the Norwell Public School website www.norwellschools.org.
- Monday October 16th at 7 PM there will be a School Committee meeting at the NHS. Brenda Henriquez will represent the NHS PTO and provide quick overview.
- Directory- Jinda Mulvey is the point person. There are few minor corrections and an ad to be placed. Roe Sheppard was very generous and bought additional ad at today's meeting. The

directory's should be available by November.

- Quiz Night has a committee made of Brenda Henriquez, Christine Smith, Sarah Summers, Kerrillee Pietroski, Phyllis Simonetta, Kim Osmanajic, Jinda Mulvey, Susan McGlinchy, and Eileen Corbett. Brenda will contact Linda Montoya for the information from last year. Brenda will host an informational meeting at her house in few days. Quiz Night will be held on February 3, 2018 from 6PM to 10 PM at the Cushing Center in Norwell.
- Home Coming is on Saturday October 14th at the Norwell High School gym. Susan McGlinchy reports that she has many volunteers to help with the event. Tickets go on sale today and tomorrow. Ticket price is \$20.
- List of volunteer opportunities was passed around the meeting today.
- Teacher Lunch will be held on November 30th. Abby Grey will help with this event.
- Howard would like to see parents to sign up their Stop and Shop cards. NHS PTO gets money at the end of the year from SS.

NSAS -Sarah Summers needs volunteers.

- Fall NHS concert will be held on October 19th and on
- October 24th at 7PM.
- Fall Play rehearsal show "The Children Hour" goes up in November.
- Spaghetti Dinner will be held on November 4th from 5 PM to 7 PM at the Norwell Middle School.
- Next NSAS meeting is on October 23rd at 7PM at the James Library.
- New Playbill will be debuted at the Fall Concert.

Principal's Report

- Mr. Fish reported on the great success of the Spirit Week. All the staff and students are enjoying this time and admire some students creativity. Students show lots of enthusiasm and responsibility. This is very great tradition and makes the school a very special place.
- Katie Greer who is the former Director of Internet Safety for the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office and former Intelligence Analyst for the Massachusetts State Police will speak to the students about social networking, new apps, and other technology trends.
- Mr. Fish also reported on the calm classroom pilot. Students who took PSAT's asked to do this exercise before the exam. So far this has been very well received program by the students. Parents reported positive feedback how common language and understanding moves across all schools.

Open Discussion:

- During conferences display on the school monitors PTO for membership fees. Howard and Jen expressed great thank you to Jennifer Greenberg for posting PTO link during weekly news letter.
- Norwell Farms is looking for volunteers to help with Sundays Fall festival. Hours can be counted toward community service. Ms. Blumberg and Mr. Marani have been contacted.
- Calm classroom district presentation in held in the evening at the Norwell High School on November 8th at 7 PM at the NHS auditorium.

Next PTO meeting is held on November 8th at 9:15 am at the NHS.