

MINUTES

The Hilliard Darby PTO met on Thursday, October 15, 2009 at the Hilliard Darby Media Center, Hilliard, Ohio. President Karen Norval called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Members Present: *Officers:* PTO President Karen Norval, President-elect Jodi Ransom, Secretary Laurie Nelson, *Members:* Joni Carle, Cindy Contizano, Cathy Daniel, Julie Sislowksi

Staff Present: Assistant Principal Dawn Sayre

Guests Present: Valerie Kulick Brown, Art Department Facilitator

Members Absent: *Officers:* Treasurer Debbie Lomax

President Karen Norval welcomed everyone to the meeting. Appropriate introductions were made.

Valerie Kulick-Brown - Art Department

Valerie Kulick-Brown started the meeting with an overview of the Art Department. The Department's motto is "Change is Good", and its goals are to adjust to reduced staff from eight art teachers to four, adjust to new classes and preparations, to continue to present art opportunities and colleges to students, and to show off the student artwork in the Darby Main Office Gallery!

There are plenty of volunteer opportunities for those interested in matting, cutting, or being a ceramic class helper. For more information on volunteer opportunities, contact Mrs. Darice Veri at darice_veri@hboe.org. Upcoming volunteer opportunities are Tuesday, October 20, 2009 for the Annual Ceramics/Clay Cats Open House and **December 4, 2009** for the Ceramic classes Winterfair Field Trip. Chaperones are currently needed for the field trip. The bus will be leaving at 9:30 a.m. and your admission is free for volunteering!

Other Art Department staff is Darice Veri, Scott Volzer, Katherine Monroe, and Ms. Kulick-Brown. The school's Art Show, the Clay Cats and Art Club Holiday Sales are on **December 10, 2009** from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. in partnership with the Winter Choir Celebration Concert. The PTO has received an invitation to take a tour of the department. The Art Department is currently sponsoring fundraisers to purchase its third kiln.

Assistant Principal's Report – Dawn Sayre

Homecoming is this Saturday from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Darby will be enforcing rules for the dance. Ms. Sayre advised that the students at Darby are great, and Darby is having a wonderful start to the school year! Powder Puff was canceled due to the weather. Grade cards will be distributed on October 30, 2009. There was a brief discussion regarding the bake sale occurring on the same day as Cookie Day. Darby will not be changing its backpack policy due to its safety issues.

Josten will be returning this week to collect additional orders from seniors. The only requirement for graduation is a \$25.00 fee for the cap and gown. Sophomores can also submit orders for class rings.

President's Report – Karen Norval

Please remember the PTO's "clearinghouse" for used clothing and shoes. If you have any old clothing or shoes you would like to donate, the PTO would greatly appreciate your contributions. Just drop them off at the main office and indicate it is for the PTO "clearinghouse." The PTO is looking for additional storage for those donations, and Ms. Sayre will advise us of available space.

If you are interested in recycling your gently used tablecloths, please consider donating it to the PTO. We can use long, square, or round -- in cloth or plastic - and in any color or pattern! Please drop your donations off at the main office.

Secretary's Report – Laurie Nelson

The September 17, 2009 minutes were distributed and reviewed. Jodi Ransom made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Cathy Daniel seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Debbie Lomax

No report.

Committee Reports

Outreach – Cathy Daniel

The PTO is continuing its discussion regarding the “benevolent fund”. We are in the process of setting up the website, and we will continue to keep you posted on its progress. We are proposing it to be up and running in November.

The PTO has decided that it will no longer participate in the “Adopt-A-Family” program. The decision was based on the induction of the “benevolent fund”.

Hospitality – Joni Carle

The Parent/Teacher Conference is on November 19, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. We will be sending out a letter asking for volunteers and donations for the dinner.

The renaissance breakfast was a great success. Everyone enjoyed the bagels and other items. Thank you to Cindy Contizano for stepping up and taking charge of the breakfast! Thank you to Tara Thompson for heading up this event!

Cookie Day – Jodi Ransom

Once again, we had an excellent response to the 2nd Cookie Day of the year. The students were able to get more than one cookie! The leftovers were donated to the churches and other organizations. Color day fell on Cookie Day so it was helpful distinguishing between the different grades. A “thank you” goes out to all of the parents who were so generous in volunteering their time and for baking those wonderful cookies.

Cookie Day is held on the second Wednesday of each month, including December and May. Anyone willing to volunteer their time passing out cookies and/or baking cookies is always welcome.

New Business:

After Prom – Jodi Ransom

The PTO continued its discussion regarding After Prom this year. Jodi advised the PTO that it is currently in contract with the Buckeye Café. More details will be coming in the future.

Adjournment: Cathy Daniel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jodi Ransom seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie A. Nelson
PTO Secretary