

# UPPER DARBY HOME AND SCHOOL

October 9, 2019 *Meeting called to order by* Esther Bubb

## Approval of Minutes

A motion to waive the reading of the meeting minutes from September 25, 2019. Made, seconded, and passed.

## President's Report – Co-President, Esther Bubb

Esther welcomed all to the meeting. She spoke of the need to find new fundraising opportunities. She mentioned that a few possible opportunities had been sent to the Home & School via our email account that we would need to look into. She mentioned that if anyone has ideas to please bring them forward.

- H & S members looked at one of the emailed opportunities, it was presented by a group that organizes restaurant fundraisers. It was soon discovered that this group takes a cut of the money raised. It was decided that the Home & School Association could manage its own restaurant fundraiser.
- Members then discussed another fund-raising opportunity by a local camp. They offered a gift certificate to the camp that could be used to auction off to raise money. The meeting decided to look further into this idea.
- Other ideas were discussed: car test drives, food truck nights.

Esther then brought up that CO-President Jamie Santora was working on a change to the Home & School Bylaws to include rotating roles of Home and School members. Once the changes are made, they will be brought to the membership for a reading and a vote.

## Treasurer's Report – Ed Troy

Ed Troy stated that UDHS Home & School Association made about a \$900 profit in concession sales, and a net profit of \$3,780 from the flea market. Along with dues payments, the Home and School account currently stands at \$25,514.83.

## Principal's Report– Kelley Simone

Ms. Simone introduced the Assistant Principal for the Junior Class, Mrs. Stephanie Sitek. Mrs. Sitek came up with the 10<sup>th</sup> grade from last year. She's been with the school district since 2003, teaching at Stonehurst Elementary School, and served as principal at Highland Park Elementary School. Mrs. Sitek stated that she loves working with the 11<sup>th</sup> grade class, enjoys seeing students from her previous schools, and stated that she is here to help!

Ms. Simone then brought up the following:

- Students can now earn points for gift cards for reading, writing, and/or other academic achievements
- The faculty now have a new lunchroom. Ms. Simone hopes to make it a place for teachers to build positive relationships with each other. Ms. Simone asked Home & School for a donation to go toward furnishing the staff room
- Senior night volleyball was coming up. Ms. Simone is hoping to have an administrator at all events like this
- UDHS will soon have an ROTC program. ROTC will provide the staff and leadership
- A presentation on the danger of vaping will be 10/15 with dinner at 6pm and presentation by Dr. Gretchen Hugenbush at 7pm
- PSATs for 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grades will be 10/16. There will be a late start that day for 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades
- National English Honor Society induction ceremony on the evening of 10/16

- The ring ceremony for the class of 2021 will be held on the evening of 10/17
- The Harvest Dance will be held the evening of 10/19
- Red Ribbon week will be held 10/21-10/25
- There will be an early dismissal on 10/23
- National Science Honor Society induction will be on the evening of 10/29 at 7:30pm
- The first marking period ends on 10/31
- Mr. McGarry is planning on next year's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service. He is working on it being a big painting day. Stay tuned for more details.
- A school level plan is being developed. They hope to create a comprehensive plan along with action steps to be taken. The first meeting is Wednesday, 10/16 and will meet every Wednesday evening until mid-November. Parental involvement is encouraged.
- Ms. Simone mentioned that some of the members of UDHS upper class (10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> grades) were asking if they too could be a part of the UD District's change to graduation requirements from 26 credits to 21 credits. The District is looking for way to make that happen. A long discussion then took place on how to make sure that parents understand how this might affect the students and their future plans.

## Committee Reports

### Flea Market – Lois Johnston

Lois reiterated how successful the flea market was. She had 102 vendors registered with 7 no-shows. The Board thanked Lois for all her hard work.

### Concessions – Kathleen Johnson

Kathleen was not in attendance, but the Board thanked Kathleen for all of her hard work on concessions. Especially considering how late donations came in. A short discussion was held on the Home & School's email troubles. Currently Google's Gmail is no longer allows mass mailings. Bill Caughlan said he would look into getting an email service for the Home & School such as Mail Chimp.

### School Beautification – Kathleen Johnson/Allison McConnell

Nothing to report. Stay tuned for word on the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service.

### After prom – Jamie Santora

Jamie was not in attendance. AfterProm discussion was tabled until the AfterProm meeting immediately following the Home & School meeting.

## Old Business

Online spirit wear store update: A vendor has been located and is going live on tonight, 10/9. For a school to get credit for the sale, the person making the order needs to enter the name of the school and the student's homeroom number. The school will be sending out more information.

## New Business

It was mentioned that Kathleen Johnson needs to be added to the Home & School web page as the new School Beautification Committee Chair.

## Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 7:00 pm

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:25 pm

The AfterProm Committee meeting began immediately after.