

**Eagle Scout Project Proposed by Mathew Harrington**

- Create a 9 x 9 foot square area for bird watching. Project includes: Preparing the space and construction of birdhouses and optional benches. Estimated costs:
  - \$89 to prepare the space and construct birdhouses
  - \$35 per bench

**Call to Order**

- PTA President Neetha Rao called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

Presentation "**Developing Resiliency in Kids**" by Veronique Lilienthal, Haycock ES counselor, and Kathleen Otal, McLean HS counselor

- Introduction: Inspirational Video - Lessons to be learned from Ollie, the dog.
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l4isw7OuEvc>
- Develop coping skills: Allowing your kids to feel boredom and other uncomfortable feelings, allows them to grow in developing coping strategies.
- Build emotional resiliency: Students are developing important social skills at these young ages
- Reviewed the Problem-Solving Model
  1. What is the problem?
  2. What have you done to solve it?
  3. What else can you do?
  4. What is the best solution?
  5. Afterwards - How did that work?
- 2 role playing scenarios demonstrated the Problem-Solving Model
  - Mother and son Johnny discuss Johnny's disappointment at school. Johnny did not finish his math work in the allotted time, so he had to miss story time to complete his work.
  - Scenario 1: Parent Intervention - Mother contacts teacher to complain that Johnny missed story time with the rest of the class.
  - Scenario 2: Problem-Solving Model - Mother and Johnny use the 5 questions to guide a discussion for Johnny to identify the problem and identify solutions and then pick the best solution for the problem
- Problem-solving expectations for students at school:
  - The student talks with the teacher.
  - The student talks with the counselor.
  - Only if necessary, the parent becomes directly involved in problem-solving. Parents act as coaches or cheerleaders while allowing students to self-advocate.

VP updates were abbreviated to allow for sufficient time for our guest speakers.

**Secretary's Report - Alison Seddon**

- Patrick Howard: Bylaws Committee
  - Every 5 years the PTA bylaws need to be reviewed and updated

- 2 changes were made
  - Added new role: Vice President of Operations
  - Changed the minimum number of PTA meetings from 7 to 6 to allow for cancelled meetings due to inclement weather
- Copies of meeting minutes from the last PTA meeting (January 2017) were available for review.
  - Motion to approve the January 2017 PTA Meeting Minutes: 1st - Heather Kimmel, 2nd - Katie Pisocky, All present approved the meeting minutes

**Treasurer's Report - Rachel Hunter**

- Provided updated budget report
- No update

**VP Operations Report - Jessica Davis**

- No update

**VP of Social Report - Katie Pisocky**

- Erin Freeman: Bingo Night
  - Reminder it is this Friday, 2/17, in the cafeteria
  - Need adults to help sell pizza
  - Mr. Donnelly & Mr. Reeder will be calling numbers
  - Costs \$1 per sheet - has sheet has 2 games
  - Raffle for the Beta fish
- Roopal Saran & Katie Pisocky: Auction Update
  - Theme: New Orleans
  - Nice opportunity to socialize with staff
  - Still looking for donations of:
    - Gift cards for \$10, \$20, or \$25
    - Looking for more parent skills, such as sewing, automotive skills, teach photography, or any skill that can be taught to other parents or students
    - Donation of a vacation home for a weekend
  - Tickets are on sale. 300 is the maximum number of tickets that can be sold.
  - Volunteers are needed to help the day before and day of auction
  - Please visit the sign-up to volunteer: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080444aaaf283-2017>
- Neetha Rao: Basketball Game
  - This is a school community building event. Cheer on the Haycock ES and Lemon Road ES teams.
  - Thu., 3/30 at the McLean High School doors #9 and #1 open at 6:30pm and game starts at 7:00pm
  - Tickets will be \$5 in advance or \$7 at the door
  - Question: Can the PTA be given a list of players?
    - Mr. Donnelly can provide this list
    - Week leading up to the game organize fun way to cheer on the staff players

- Questions: Can Zumba class perform during half-time?
  - Half-time will be 8 minutes. Need to check if this will be possible.
- Heather Kimmel: 6th Grade Party
  - Looking for a 5th grade volunteer to help with this year's party

**VP of Curriculum Enhancement Report - Monica Kumar**

- No update

**VP of Fundraising Report - Karen Leiser**

- No update

**VP of Community Affairs Report - Jan Strozer**

- No update

**Principal Donnelly & Vice Principal Reeder Report**

- Mr. Donnelly: Whole school field trip update
  - Planning led by Ms. Kelly. The school will be going to the zoo on Friday, May 5th
  - Working on the t-shirt design
  - Have the whole school picture on the field in the shape of an H
  - Looking for a photographer to take the picture
    - Suggested contact: Jennifer Burns
    - Picture will be for sale

**Questions/Comments from the Floor (Facilitated by Neetha Rao)**

- Neetha Rao: At the March PTA meeting there will be a book discussion
  - March 15 - Discussion on the book, "**The Gift of Failure**" led by Melissa Sporn, Safe Community Coalition (This book "counsels parents of school-aged children on how to overcome tendencies toward over protectiveness to allow children to develop independence.")

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM.



## Haycock PTA Meeting Minutes

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In Attendance: 27

#	Name	Children's Grade(s)
1	Jen Heatherly	K, 3
2	Erin Freeman	1, 3, 5
3	Karen Leiser	3, 5
4	Alison Seddon	1, 6
5	Jereme Donnelly	Principal
6	Veronique Lilienthal	Haycock ES counselor
7	Kathleen Otal	McLean HS counselor
8	Brynn Hodder	2, 4
9	Elizabeth Brown	5
10	Jayant Reddy	3
11	Nancy McFalls	2, 4
12	Joetta Sack-Min	K, 2
13	Aida Collings	3
14	Katie Piskey	5
15	Heather Kimmel	6
16	Rachel Hunter	5
17	Patrick Howard	1
18	Maureen Rose	2, 6
19	Edward Slottow	3
20	Alison Symons	2, 6
21	Mayin Wong	4, 6
22	Michael Stark	4, 6
23	Sandra Michel	5



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#	Name	Children's Grade(s)
24	Maryam Zolecki	K, 2
25	Minha Kauser	K, 4
26	Jessica Davis	1, 4, 5
27	Neetha Rao	2, 5