

**Oak View's Home and School Association
Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, September 14, 2016
7:00 PM Library**

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM.

The minutes from the previous meeting were voted in.

Reports:

The current OVHSA ledger balance as of July 1, 2016, is \$47,985.51.

Principal, Mrs. DiTrani

- This summer brought many improvements including new bleachers, a refinished gym floor, and an overhaul to the basement and shed area.
- Our Superintendent has three goals for this year:
 - To improve student achievement
 - To continue to improve facilities
 - To encourage community involvement
- A survey will be sent to gather interest on parent workshops and other ways to better serve the community.
- New teachers, Shannen Delabar and Marissa Aliotta, were introduced.
- Special thanks to all teachers for their preparation for the new year.
- Math Investigations is a new program that teaches students to discover different ways to solve problems.
- Readers Writers Workshop is a continuing program that models literacy concepts.
- All parents are welcome to volunteer and make suggestions.
- Thank you to Jan Greco and volunteers for the creation and maintenance of Oak View's Giving Garden. Toni's Kitchen sent a thank you letter for the bountiful produce donated to their soup kitchen.
- The Board of Education sent core books to each classroom.
- Our school is getting 60 Chrome Books (30 from BoE and 30 from the HSA).

President, Jennifer Salgado

- All volunteers are welcome and encouraged.
- A Home and School Association Coffee Clutch for those who are unable to attend meetings and others interested will be held September 20th at 9:00 a.m. in the Staff Room.
- An official Oak View Facebook group (featuring only announcements) and WordPress page will be launched for easy, paperless access to information.
- Please return Shop Rite fundraising vouchers to the store.
- Committee Chairpersons will be emailed shortly with all pertinent information. (Update: Emails were sent on September 15.)

Vice President, Jenn Obiedzinski

- Bank Statements are available for review.

Treasurer, Laurie Venezia

- Bank statements and taxes are available for review.
- There is additional surplus money available to be discussed in future meetings.

Recording Secretary, Julie Armeno

- Please speak loudly and include your oldest child at Oak View's full name when you sign in.

Corresponding Secretary, Debra Nole

- Our 'Going Green' email system is our school's way of communicating with families. Please submit forms if you are new or have change of email address.
- Outgoing Mail
 - One sympathy and one get well card
 - Please inform her of any community communication needs
- Incoming Mail
 - Thank you notes were received from:
 - Brian Rennie and Lydia Hughes, our scholarship recipients
 - Mrs. Ferrante
- The school receives a donation for every Amazon order through our Amazon Smile account. The link is at the bottom of every 'Going Green' email. Please share the link with family and friends. Donations amounted to \$62.32 for April 1 – June 30. We have received \$600 in total since the program began.
- We need one class parent for Ms. Delabar's class. The Class Parent Meeting will be on Monday, September 19 at 2:45 p.m. (Update: The class parent position has been filled)
- Our teachers were provided with new Oak View stationary. September 22 will be our first Teacher Appreciation Luncheon. Volunteers are needed for set up, clean up and to supply desserts.

Committee Updates:

After School Explorers, Jenn Salgado

After School Explorers is an enrichment program for students including various activities. Please sign up using the link in your 'Going Green' email. There will be both fall and spring sessions this year. Registration begins September 15 at 8 p.m. Classes begin September 26.

Community Rewards, Cindy Fain-Vreeland

Community Rewards include Box Tops, Tyson Labels, Campbell's Labels for education. Please clip and send them in with your child.

The Shop Rite gift card program enables to you pre-purchase grocery gift cards. Shop Rite donates a percentage of the purchased gift cards back to our school. This is at no extra cost to the purchaser. All information can be added to your rewards card for ease of use. See Cindy Fain-Vreeland for gift cards.

Please ask family and friends from across the country to send Box Tops to our school in support of the Box Tops Across America project. (See attached flyer)

Fall Fundraiser, Debra Nole

Our Fall Fundraiser is a cheesecake sale from Anthony's Cheesecake in Bloomfield. We earn 20% from each cheesecake. Orders will be delivered before Thanksgiving.

Fall Social, Carolyn Nephew

The Trunk or Treat Fall Social will take place on October 21st at 7 p.m. (rain date October 28) Parent volunteers decorate cars and create activities for children to visit. Volunteers are encouraged to contact Carolyn Nephew or Jamie Menake. Look for details via 'Going Green'.

Membership, Jenn Salgado

Membership in Oak View HSA is \$20 per family and entitles all family members to voting rights and discounts on certain activities. Please use the Pay Pal link provided via email. Credit card payment will also be taken at Back to School Night. Checks can be sent with your student to school.

6th Grade Graduation, Carolyn Nephew

The 6th Grade Car Wash has been moved to October 24th from 9-12. A donation of \$5/car is requested. Kid Stuff coupon books or money for orders are due by September 26.

Old Business

- There was no old business.

New Business

- A motion was put on the floor and seconded to use \$500 of surplus funds for additional Health and Wellness programs including a 'Try-athalon'. This will be voted on at our next meeting.
- A Giving Garden planning meeting will be on September 16 at on Friday. Everyone is welcome.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 PM.

The next meeting will be October 5, 2016, at 7p.m. in library.