

# HMS Foundation Meeting

## Minutes

### April 13, 2022



Virtual meeting

**Attendees:** Tom VanValkenberg (President), Matt Lawn (Treasurer), Sabrina Matthews (Secretary), Chris Kinabrew (Past Secretary | Member at Large), Principal Patillo(partial), Susan Easom (Guest)

#### Welcome

- Tom opened call
- Tom calls for motion for approve March minutes

#### Treasurer's Report

- \$3,060 total raised after fees \$2,998.85
- Expense for \$28.75
- Breaking even from donations from March Madness
- Admin expense for software, annual renewals, training, amplifiers are all expenses for 2021-2022 school year
- Almost \$21,000 in bank account going into 2022-2023 school year

#### HMS Foundation Board

- Susan Easom was in attendance. She is interested in the President-Elect position in future.

#### Old Business

- *For March Madness 2023:*
- Next year we will have regular March Madness
- We will do poster contest for more teacher involvement
- We need a teacher liaison on the board so lets speak to Principal Patillo to get us one
- We should do yard signs at the school so parents can see it when dropping off kids at school
- Put QR code on the signs for easy scanning/donating
- Get corporate sponsors and we should start speaking to them in January of 2023
- Tom will be taking care of the pizza party and the gift cards for the teachers.
- Pizza party will be hosted 2 weeks from April 15th (April 29th) due to student testing
- Mr.Purdie will get the headcount for the party
- Chic-Fil-A giftcards for teachers
- Matt suggested we look into doing a fall campaign
- Chris mentioned we talk it through PTSA so we don't overlap with their dues collection period which takes place in fall
- Beautification Project: pressure washing - Principal Patillo must get us a quote still for this

#### New business:

- Teacher certifications in fall:
  1. how many are starting to go thru the process?
  2. Discuss budget commitment
  3. Board votes

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- iv. 4. Payment already approved for teachers going thru process currently
- Ask Principal Patillo if the teacher is staying so we can get them a payment
  - It was only 1 new teacher so far
  - We should promote this from our foundation to the teachers to go get certified
  - This helps school budget too when they get certified
  - Matt mentioned to keep it under 600 so no 1099 filing will be needed
  - Tom will get some face time with Principal Patillo in early May to talk thru all of this
  - Have the foundation sponsor a guest speaker maybe to get visibility with parent and teachers
  - Collaboration with PTSA; Sarah (new president) on getting a speaker to come speak on mental health of kids during pandemic
  - Susan can ask Evansdale about robotics program
  - Should we host Career day?
  - Chris sent the Robotics club lead at HMS: Ernst, Mr. Brett | Teacher, Connections - Engineering & Tech. Grades 6-8 | [brett\\_c\\_ernst@dekalbschoolsga.org](mailto:brett_c_ernst@dekalbschoolsga.org) | View My Website | <https://hendersonms.dekalb.k12.ga.us> | [TechnologyStudentAssociation.aspx](#)
  - Sabrina asked how to get more parents to join our foundation?
  - Tom will ask each member 1:1 if they are still on the board or not.
  - Meeting in May - Principal Patillo's presence is highly necessary.
  - Maybe meet in July as well for status check before the start of school in August.
  - Building a better relationship with teachers will help us know what they want
  - Increase our presence at school
  - May 18th 6pm meeting will be in person. Susan will host the meeting. We will also have Zoom open for anyone who cannot make it. Susan's address is: 3617 Evans Rd. Atlanta, GA 30340.

Tom motion to close the meeting, Matt second, all in favor

**Next HMS Foundation Meeting:** May 18th at 6 PM ET at Susan's house.