



# Minutes

## HP Gives a Hoot Committee Meeting

**6/11/18**      **7-8pm**      **Boro Hall, Lower Level Conference room**

**Meeting called by**      **Michael Buchman, Chair**

**Type of meeting**      **Regular Meeting**

**Attendees**      **Michael Buchman, Marilyn Pruce, Joyce Orenstein, Eva Love, Evelyn Sedehi, Sylvia Hove**

**Council Liaison**      **Matt Hersh**

## Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Approve March Minutes – see attached
3. Finance report
4. Summer camp scholarships
5. Peer-to-Peer Mentoring program evaluation
6. Peer-to-Peer certificates to be awarded by Mayor and Council 7pm Tuesday 6.12.18
7. Publicity for Summer Lunch Program: School Superintendent Taylor enthusiastically agreed to fulfill my request
  1. Duplicate the final flier when I send it to you in color. DRAFT attached.
  2. Have principals post it in several places in the halls and in classrooms.
  3. Have Gym teachers read them the flier at least on one occasion.
  4. Post it to the school website and to parent pages/Facebook pages.
  5. Send it home to all families in June. Send a reminder mid July.

### **Further publicity for Summer Lunch?**

Should we create and post signage at RCHP announcing the lunch program and guiding people to the location?

Should we post our Summer Lunch Flier in merchant windows?

Other suggestions?

8. Additional publicity for hoot.
  - a. Brochure
  - b. Press
  - c. Other
9. Hoot collection at July 2 fireworks- volunteers and strategies
10. Status of Summer Basketball funding request- Matt Hersh
11. New Business
12. Next Meeting
13. Adjourn



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1. Meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM
2. Approval of May minutes was tabled, as printed copies weren't available to review.
3. Finance Report: Account balance reported at \$14,196. Block Grant of \$4000 will be added to this balance.  
Anticipated expenditures include approximately \$2000 to Peer-to-Peer High School program and \$8640 for camp scholarships (27 scholarships @\$320 each).
4. Camp scholarships: We have granted 27 scholarships to HP children.
5. Peer-to-Peer Mentoring program evaluation: Mike led a discussion with students in the P2P program. Under class students feel good about having upper class students as friends and for advice on classes and extra-curriculars. The goal of a positive transition for these students has been met. However, no at risk students stayed in the program. Therefore, there is no data that reflects improved grades or discipline records. Principal Lassiter is aware of this and will be working with the advisors to change this for next year. We will continue to support the program for one more year and then assess again to see if at risk students have been involved. Suggestions from the Committee include providing incentives for the mentorees, training for mentors over the summer, information about the recruitment process. Mike will follow up with the high school
6. Peer-to-Peer certificates to be awarded 6/12/18 at Council meeting. Mike will be present and invited others on this Committee to attend.
7. Publicity for Summer Lunch program: Superintendent has agreed to the list of activities on the Agenda. Mike will follow up. Committee agrees to post signage at RCHP, in merchant windows in town, at the Food Pantry, Library, Summer Basket ball program, public cases on Raritan Ave.
8. Additional Hoot publicity: Sylvia will work on creating a brochure with Mike sending her Mission Statement, accomplishments, and possibly photographs. Acknowledged need for a Hoot banner.
9. July 2<sup>nd</sup> fireworks: Discussed need for volunteers to collect donations, brochure to be given out as people come into the park, possibly t-shirts for volunteers to identify them. Members volunteered to help and/or to recruit volunteers. Suggestion that high school students involved in P2P help with collections.
10. Status of Summer Basketball Request: Matt got John Hulme on the phone to clarify status of program need. Anticipated cost of program \$5000 with \$2500-\$3000 donations promised. It is believed that there is no Recreation Department money committed to the program at this time. John will provide a detailed proposed budget and Matt is following up with the Town Council representatives to clarify Recreation Department money. Mike will then poll the Hoot Committee for decision about providing support to the program. Other program details: July 10<sup>th</sup> to August 16<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday & Thursday evenings, for boys and girls from the 5<sup>th</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup> grade.
11. New Business: Tabled for future meeting: Soliciting donations from local merchants and need for letter of introduction for those who solicit; Press coverage for Hoot activities; Testimonials from campers and mentors for future publicity;
12. Next meeting July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 7 pm.



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Action Item	Who	Due	Status
Financial Report: getting detailed income and expense report	Mike		
Follow up with Peer to Peer Program on plans for summer training, recruiting at risk students, t-shirts,	Mike		
Follow up with Supt. Taylor on school publicity for summer lunches list of activities	Mike		
Draft of brochure	Sylvia		
Give Sylvia input for brochure: accomplishments, mission, pictures	Mike		
Post flyers about summer lunch around town	Evelyn, Marilyn		
Get information on Rec Dept. support for Basketball Program	Matt		
Post flyers in public cases around town	Monica		
Get names of volunteers to collect donations on July 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Joyce, Sylvia, Evelyn	6/14/18	

## Adjournment

As there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Pruce  
Secretary