



# Minutes

## HP Gives a Hoot Committee Meeting

3/12/19 7-8pm Borough Hall, Lower Level Conference room

Meeting called by Michael Buchman, Chair

Type of meeting Regular Meeting

Attendees Michael Buchman, Marilyn Pruce, Evelyn Sedehi, Matt Hale

## Minutes

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM
2. Minutes of February meeting approved.
3. Finance Report: Mike reviewed financial report that was the same as last month. No new money disbursed from Fire Fund.
4. Mission Statement: Read and reworded slightly.

### *Mission Statement*

**HP Gives a Hoot** is a nonprofit fund created by the Borough of Highland Park to contribute to the well-being of our \*eligible children and families. With community donations, we provide pay-as-you wish lunches when school is not in session, opportunities to encourage academic, social, and community success, and scholarships to the Borough Recreation Department's Summer Camp to eligible families.

\*families whose incomes qualify them for free or reduced lunch are eligible.

### *The Need*

Nearly 38% of the students in Highland Park schools are on free or reduced lunch. The Borough feels a strong responsibility to assist all our children in their growth and success. Through fundraisers, promotions and publicity, "HP Gives a Hoot" receives donations from residents and organizations to maintain our ability to help our youth throughout the year.

4. Street Fair May 5<sup>th</sup>: Marilyn will get us signed up; We will need to solicit people to sit at the table, hand out flyers, and ask for donations.
5. Summer camp: Mike and Andrea Bay, Recreation Director, applied for funding for summer camp and Mike worked to get a bid out for lunch to be served.
6. Talent Show Fund Raiser: Tentative date is 11/3/19, to be held at IM Gallery. Tasks assigned to get this event started, including checking community calendar conflicts, creating a flyer. Additions were made to the talent sources/advertising venues list, to include PTOs, Arts Council, and HP Art Academy. Suggestion was made that students from high school have the skills to work the sound and lights for the Talent Show.
7. Outreach to get more people to serve on this committee and to identify families in need in the community. Mike will set up meetings with local clergy, Matt will announce openings on this Committee at the next Borough Council meeting.
8. School year lunch schedule: 2018: Nov 8-9 2019: Jan 21, Feb 18, Apr 22-26. Need to publicize was discussed, including repeated announcements in the schools and using social media that is more likely used by school age children, such as Snap Chat.
9. New Business: Matt announced that Pastor Seth is setting up a meeting to talk about finding local housing for a number of HP students who are homeless and currently being bussed into HP from a shelter in Monmouth County. Committee members are interested in supporting these families.



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- 10. Next meeting April 9, 2019
- 11. Adjourned 8:05 pm

Action Item	Who	Due	Status
Check community calendar schedule with Harry Glazer and public school for conflicts with proposed Talent Show date	Marilyn	4/9/19	
Set up outreach meetings with local clergy	Mike	4/9/19	
Set up meetings with Principal or other staff member at the high school to discuss student liason to Hoot Committee, street fair help, calendar, publicity	Mike	4/9/19	
Sign up for Spring Fling Street Fair	Marilyn	3/19/19	

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Pruce  
Secretary