

PTF

(Parent Teacher Fellowship)

Meeting 2/7/12 at 6:30pm

Introduction: (Speaker Norm Kester)

Introductions: Let's welcome Bianca Albright, our newest PTF board member. She will be taking on the role of Treasurer. We still have the Vice President and Teacher-At-Large positions available.

The PTF has been working on getting our federal and state paperwork done. It is now finally completed! We have a bank account.

Our teacher in the spotlight: (Lisa Ward)

Lisa went to Louisiana University at Monroe and majored in English with a minor in Art. She was then offered the opportunity to move to Hawaii and work at a church there as a youth pastor and a preschool director for 5 years. She then met her husband, and after having her 2 kids, they decided to move to Grants Pass. After having a good experience at a Christian school in Hawaii, they decided to enroll their daughter (4th grade) into NH. (Both of her children graduated from NH and married fellow graduates of NH.) Lisa was offered to start a preschool program here at NH in 1994. After her first year, she was offered a position to teach high school. Now Lisa has been with NH for 18 years and teaches health, English, art, and college assistance. Our senior class is well on their way with their scholarships. Most of this year's 20 seniors have a GPA of 3.6 or higher.

Auction Committee: (Speaker Bianca Albright)

Understanding directions:

Debts – We believe it is Biblical and financially sound to pay down debts before making new purchases and that the Lord will bless this approach. The Auction Committee would like to help reduce the school's debt.

Staff bonus – \$100 staff bonus because the average NH teacher salary is \$19,000 per year versus a public school teacher who makes over \$40,000. This is a ministry for our teachers; they do this because they love to be here.

10% of funds to go to Scholarships – Currently, 45% of our operational income comes from fundraisers/donations, 14% from international student tuition, and 41% from regular student tuition. Without scholarships, a large amount of students would not be able to attend.

Roof – Last re-roofing was done in 1988. Bids are around \$75K to \$200,000.

Rollover \$ -- \$2000 rolled over to pay most of next year's auction expenses.

Lockers – The kids would LOVE new lockers. We would love to give them something tangible for all the work that they do.

If you would like more detailed information regarding the auction, please contact PTF@newhopechristian.net.

Group discussion regarding Friends of New Hope:

A “Friends of New Hope” sign or plaque, or even bricks, hanging up somewhere for all those families and/or businesses, etc., that donate to our school to be recognized. We had a long discussion about this. Some were for it and some were against it. The decision has not yet been made; further discussion is being planned.

Group discussion regarding Lockers:

The lockers (which were used lockers that we either cheaply purchased or that were donated to the school) are horrible and have been around for years. When other teams come to play at the school, those students make fun of the lockers and our kids are embarrassed by them. Not much fits in them since they are so small. The price for new lockers are anywhere from \$5000 to \$11,000 depending on what size of locker we go to. The ending idea from the meeting is that the kids would work for ½ the cost of the lockers, and we’ll get someone to match funds for the other ½. Our hope is to have new lockers by next year. Patti Hillier will convey this to our students, and we have decided to have 6th grade involved since they will be using the lockers next year as well. If you have any suggestions on how to raise the money or where to get nice new lockers for a good price, please contact PTF@newhopechristian.net.

Movie Night: (Speaker Andrea Bennett)

We will be holding our first Movie Night the weekend of March 9th. Elementary will be having a PJ party from 6 to 9, and we will be showing *Dolphin Tale*. The movie will be free; however, we will be selling concessions. We need at least 5 parent volunteers for this event. Secondary night will be on the 10th from 6 to 10. The first hour will be dinner social hour. We will be showing *Cutback*. We will need some volunteers for this night as well. Any questions, please contact PTF@newhopechristian.net.

Jog-A-Thon: (Speaker Andrea Bennett)

Will be held April 4th. We will be requesting a flat rate instead of a lap rate for donations. More details of this event to follow as well.

SchoolStore.com: (Speaker Norm Kester)

Due to lack of time, a brief overview was given and will be discussed again at the next meeting. School Store is another way that we can give back to the school for things that we are already doing. It works in a similar way that Scrip does, but the students have the ability to earn prizes. For everything that is purchased through SchoolStore, a percentage is given back to the school. There is anything from books to stores like Best Buy, Dollar Tree, Kohl’s, etc.... Please take a look at the website www.schoolstore.com. Also, more information will be coming soon as we roll out the incentives to the students.

In closing, this was a great meeting. We had a lot of great discussions and more new attendees. The next meeting will be held March 6th. If you have any questions or concerns that you would like to ask the PTF, please contact us at PTF@newhopechristian.net.

As a recap, we need volunteers for the following:

- ✓ Auction: looking for administrative help
- ✓ Movie Night: a min of 5 volunteers for each night
- ✓ Pastor Breakfast: need 4 more volunteers
- ✓ Someone to bring refreshments to the next meeting