

October 3rd, 2016 PTO meeting minutes

Welcome/Call to order 6:34p

Staff Representatives preschool Paula O'Rourke

In attendance: David Black, Katy Black, Carrie Fowler, Sherry Rice, Barbara Szparkowski, Olivia Chrzanowski, Jennifer Degrandi, Vickie Robertson, Katie Niemiec, Matt Correia, Natalie Hammond, Joe Miller, Erin Kelly, Stacey Denardo, Jack Rudy

#### Old Business

The minutes were reviewed from the September meeting. It was added that Stacey put together the go bananas teacher packets along with Vickie. An amendment to the bylaws proposed at the September meeting needs to be voted on which would mandate items over \$1500 be voted on at PTO meeting. There was not sufficient support to carry the vote because parents did not want items delayed that are necessary and felt the executive board could make those decisions on behalf of the PTO.

#### New Business

The preschool teachers are requesting 2 picnic tables for their students in the courtyard. Motion to approve by Carrie Fowler. Seconded by Mr. Black. None against, all in favor. Motion was carried. Preschool will be hosting a trike a thon at the end of the month with proceeds to benefit childhood cancer.

Upbeat rep Jack Rudy presented on the program. Explained that it's primarily a drug and alcohol prevention program while involving the students in all facets of the community. About  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the high school participates. He encouraged anyone with a community event that needs support to ask. Also noted an adult upbeat program that is held once per month and encouraged new members. He will be attending PTO meetings to see where help is needed.

Treasurer's report- reviewed and explained that line items on the budget are already approved and funds can be used as needed by the executive board. Anything not budgeted has to be voted on.

Principal update-cultural programs are set. Flamenco, Chinese Acrobat and Freestyle repertory. A smart board projector in first grade went down and PTO will supply funds for repair. Noted that a camera curriculum is being reviewed for 5th graders and after that unit completes, a camera club will be started as a voluntarily option for 5th graders. Noted as well that the specials teachers thanked the PTO and the former 5th grade class for their class gifts.

#### Committee updates

Cub Scouts- Carrie Fowler updated that the pine box derby booth was a success at the Berlin fair. Popcorn sales are ongoing. Den meeting 10/24 at Willard. Overnight in November at the Maritime aquarium.

Membership-Stacey Denardo explained that membership is down from last year. Stacey will send out a paper reminder to families.

Box Tops-Sherry Rice will reach out to the teachers to get coordinators. First contest closes 10/4. There will be 2 more.

Fundraising- Christoline made over \$4,000. Distribution 10/24. Pies went home today through 10/17. Kids entertainment books to go home shortly. Pay to keep or return if not wanted, \$25 per book. Katie Bouchard will distribute per Dr. Correia. Bills pizza night, 10/4, 11/1, 12/6. Eblast day of.

Stop and Shop/Price Chopper- confirmed that you don't need to re enter if enrolled last year. 5th Grade Committee-Sherry Rice updated yearbook is meeting this week. Pasta supper 2/23.

There will be a fundraiser at 5 below and charming Charlie in plainville through Black Friday.

Spirit Wear-Sherry for Stephanie, hope to have it out soon for delivery in Nov.

Book Fair- Nov 8-12. Election Day no school. Dana Borges will coordinate.

Holiday Shop- Erin Kelly will chair

Family Fun night-no chair

Election Day bake sale- Melissa Urranaga, Brenda Wall. This is for 4th graders to support their activities next year.

#### Upcoming Events

10/3-17: Lyman Orchard Thanksgiving pies

10/4: Bill's Pizza night

10/21 Monster Mash, Trunk or treat

10/28 Pastries with parents - 7:45-8:30

Next PTO meeting 11/7

Meeting adjourned 7:52p

Respectfully submitted by

Katie Niemiec