
In Attendance

Jennifer D'Angelo –President, Jessica Stearns – VP, Sarah Susco – Treasurer, Emily Shrader – Secretary
Parents/Teachers – Tracy Gilpin, Robin Foley, Devon Sullivan, Samantha Saren, Melissa Donovan

Introductions

The board as well as the parents/teachers introduced themselves.

Principal's Report

- Mrs. DeLoreto is absent today and will update us next month.
- Upcoming dates
 - 2/21-2/22- No School
 - 2/24- Dine Out Flanders Fish
 - 2/25- Mismatch Day
 - 3/2- Read Across America Day
 - 3/11- No School
 - 3/16- PTA Meeting
 - 3/18- Report Cards Issued
 - 3/25- Crazy Sock Day
 - 3/30-3/31- Parent Conferences

Treasurer's Report

- Bank account balance as of 2/16/22= \$22,074.92; Previous month's balance= \$21,089.36
- We don't focus on profit with Elf Shelf but we did make a small profit due in part to raffle baskets.
- Expenses 12/15-2/16 (No meeting in January): Income: \$6402.27 mostly from Friendship Grams, Steady Photography, and Square One Art
- No New Members
- Budget presentation: Our predictions for income are trending upwards and we hope to end the year with at least \$7,112.35. Jess made a motion to approve the budget and Jen seconded it; everyone agreed.
- We are trying different fundraisers to see what people like and to try to build up the account a bit but will scale back next year.
- Review/Reconciling the Books- A formal review had not been done within the last couple of years so two volunteer parents conducted a review of the funds and will be submitting their report; it will then be sent to CT PTA. We will need 2 more volunteer parents to conduct a review of this school year's financials at the end of this year.
- A question was asked about Box Tops and it was noted that people need to scan their receipts within 2 weeks of purchase or they will expire.

Current/Review

- Present members report that the Smencils sale was well received. Teachers were asked to mix them in with the Valentines so it would not be obvious is one child got more than another. There was not a big discrepancy in amounts as the most was about 6 Smencils for one student. The kids loved them and several parents donated to ensure that every child got at least one.

- We need to find cheaper blue t-shirts for incoming Kindergarteners. We need a new supplier because the current supplier wants to charge \$10.43 per shirt. Robin Foley offered to look into this.
- Flanders Fish dine out is 2/24 4:00-8:00pm; 10% of sales will be donated, excludes raw items at the front counter; there will be some raffle baskets as well.
- Cookbook: We need more recipes! Sarah will have recipe cards emailed home and plug it again on social media. We can sell them all over town. We need to buy at least 100. First come, first served.
- Apparel: tweaked image of bee, it is up and running online now until 3/1, tried to keep costs reasonable. Orders will be delivered 3-4 weeks after end of sale.
- Gaga pit: We have found some volunteer dads to be involved in the building of the gaga pit. Next steps: we are looking over plans to make it handicapped accessible and will present such plans to facilities director, special needs teachers, P.E. teacher and principal for further input and review and opinions on proper location. Parent suggested being mindful of potential drainage issues. We will determine final costs, work on raising funds, and present it to the Board of Education.

Upcoming Events/New Business

- Read Across America Week (2/28-3/4) will feature spirit days and fun activities planned: 2/28- Random acts of kindness day, 3/1- mismatched socks, 3/2- red white and blue (like Cat in the Hat), 3/3- dress like favorite book character, 3/4 wear a shirt you can read or your Lillie B shirt.
- Options for other possible future fundraisers: Krispie Kreme donuts- When asked if parents would be interested, there was a positive response from parents in attendance. Change Challenge during March Madness; Fill a bag sale will be a yard sale not held on school grounds but all donations will go to the PTA.
- Book Fair (4/4-4/8) We will need volunteers for the week. Melissa Donovan offered to help.
- Art Show- We are waiting to hear if this will happen.
- Teacher Appreciation Week (5/2-5/6)- We will put on a luncheon for the staff and ask parents to donate drinks and desserts. We are budgeting \$1000 due to rising costs.
- We reimburse teachers up to \$75 for supplies. We will think about increasing this amount next year.

Questions/Comments/Feedback

- A question was asked about the Sock Hop. We will be looking into it. Melissa Donovan offered to help.

Next Meeting

March 16th at 6:30pm, the Library at Lillie B. Haynes