

Pioneer Elementary PTO Minutes

Thursday, February 23, 2023

Meeting was called to order by Christy. In attendance were Christy Gensburg, Nikki Schaff, Leesa Jones, Erin Good and Corina Abbatoye by phone.

Erin gave a brief summary of the previous minutes from November. Christy moved to accept the minutes as is. Leesa seconded. Minutes accepted.

Corina gave an updated treasurer's report, stating the current balance is \$9,671.19, with a projected balance of \$9,339.84 after the outstanding checks are cleared. The amount due for the cost of yearbooks is \$2312.50. Mrs. Schaff will look into the possibility of the yearbooks being paid through the title budget. Projected expenses for the remainder of the year include 5th grade tshirts for track and field day, the 5th grade party, conference meals, teachers gifts and a tree for Mr. Jeske. Christy moved to approve the treasurer's report. Leesa seconded it. Treasurer's report accepted.

Mrs. Schaff is covering the building duties of Mr. Jeske's position for the remainder of the year. She gave a detailed report on the playground. There is a current outstanding balance of \$26,809. A total of \$13,000 has been paid to date. Initially, three even payments were to be set up, beginning in June 2020. That has been amended several times as we weren't able to make full payments. The last payment made on the playground was \$5,000 May 2022. Another \$10,000 is expected to be paid May 2023. PTO's question is what is expected of us for payments as we do not have enough to cover the payment as of now. And if we did, we would be left with nothing as a PTO to start the next school year. Mrs. Schaff will continue to dig and find some answers.

We would like to start penny wars as soon as possible. Before we start them, we would like to be able to tell the kids they are raising money for basketball hoops for the playground since there are no hoops with the additional two portables. Mrs. Schaff will look into if portable hoops are allowed. We will then set a start date for Penny Wars. Hoping to run the first two weeks in March.

PTO had agreed to purchase a tree in memory of Mr. Jeske instead of purchasing flowers for his funeral. Mrs. Schaff shared that there is going to be a presentation of a national award Mr. Jeske was to receive, sometime this spring. The presentation will be a tree of life to the Jeske Family and Pioneer Staff. If possible, connecting this presentation with a tree planting ceremony would be nice. Mrs. Schaff will also look into if we can plant a tree on school grounds.

Erin shared the option of fundraising at a Larks baseball game this summer with a Pioneer Night at the Larks. The Larks office contacted the PTO with the opportunity of doing the 50/50 raffle and the miracle minute at a game this summer. After some discussion it was decided not to pursue this fundraising option.

Fundraising for the remainder of the year will include selling raffle tickets for a second time this school year and Penny Wars. As stated before, we will try to do Penny Wars the first two weeks in March. Raffle tickets will be sold 4/3/23-4/14/23. Tickets will be \$10 each, and will be giving out 5 tickets per bundle. The expenses for this will include the permit, student prizes, winner payouts and the class winner pizza party. Christy will do the permit and take care of ordering the tickets.

The Dan's receipts are ending March 1, 2023. Erin will count what receipts we do have and get them submitted.

Christy is looking into the possibility of a fundraising night at Panda Express. An email was sent to PTO with the opportunity of earning 50% of sales for a night at Panda Express. If the opportunity is available she will take any date available.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 11th at 6:30. The only things to take care of between this meeting and next will be getting the two fundraisers up and going and looking into getting hams for students for Easter. This was discussed after Corina was off of the phone. Christy will reach out to Corina to be the contact with 3B Meats for the Easter hams.

Popcorn tomorrow morning in the teacher's lounge.

Meeting adjourned.

Some items that were discussed via text and voted on by the board; On 1/30/23 Leesa moved to spend \$100 on items for Mr. Jeske and family. Erin seconded it. All agreed. Leesa picked up paper products and beverages and delivered to the Jeske family. Leesa had purchased some food items for the initial conference date. PTO will reimburse Leesa for the food purchased for the canceled conferences in addition to what will be purchased for the new conference night. Erin will order Olive Garden for Monday 2/27/23 and Leesa will order pizza for Thursday 3/2/23. When discussing ordering flowers for Mr. Jeske's funeral, it was suggested and agreed on to purchase a tree to plant in memory of Mr. Jeske versus buying flowers for the funeral.