

PTO Meeting Minutes
February 6th, 2024 7:00 pm

Welcome

In Attendance: Allison Symmes, Caleb McClure, Maria Kretz, Jennie Harrison, Kathleen Sease, Suzanne Spokus, Jeremy Kuhar, Kim Smith, and Rachel Trout.

Introduction

Approve minutes from January 9, 2024

Treasurer Report (Jennie Harrison)

Balance at last meeting was \$10,650.27. Deposits totaling \$770.00 from Empower Martial Arts, Deliso's Pizza Fundraiser, and the Fourth Grade Chaperone Money (field trip). Withdrawals last month were \$532.70, including teacher stipends, water for movie night, and carnations. Balance as of today (February 6) is \$10,887.57.

Mr. Wells Report

Mr. Wells was absent, Mrs. Sease reported on his behalf:

JGE Renovations – work to begin in April, on hall ceilings with no work to be done during school hours (so no disruptions).

Mr. Wells is requesting better communication to the teachers regarding planning, coordinating, and hosting activities with teachers and/or staff. Please email Mr. Wells with information related to such events so that he can facilitate communication.

Mr. Wells brought up a request from the office for paper plates for use in reheating food in the cafeteria. Discussion was had about whose responsibility it would be to purchase those (and once the plates run out, who will "reup" the supply). Jeremy on the PTO researched the plates from Sam's club – 600 plates for \$24 dollars and purchased them for JGE.

Mr. Wells report included an update about the Playground Equipment – the school is in the process of securing playground equipment purchased with funds raised from the Strides for Students Campaign. Mrs. Pecaitis and Mr. Wells have met already to talk about timing and assistance for installation, hopefully starting this Spring. The PTO had a discussion about the types of equipment.

Mr. Wells reported a continued need for a Laminator – at the last check, the cost is \$1,800. Discussion was had if this is still the amount, if the PTO can pay half price, Mrs. Sease was asked to go back and check for the next meeting. The PTO also had a discussion about the money we have on hand and how it's spent –

last year we did not have the funds to cover such an expense, but Maria reported this year we may be in a better position to say yes to helping purchase this for the teachers.

New Business (Allison Symmes)

Parents night out event, profit of \$350.

Hershey Park Tickets went up again this year, our cost is \$43.95 this year. Orders have to be in by April 30th. Allison will work on order forms.

Title One Family night Thursday the 8th, Allison helped secure a Food Truck – Sunset Slush of Gettysburg – they have a cart that can come indoors with one cup size/one price point. PTO was also asked to help supply water and popcorn.

Jennie also added one item: Book Fair is in need of some volunteers (request from Mrs. Daniels) on the week of March 11th.

Committees

Fall Fundraiser (Jennie Harrison)

Nothing for Fall Fundraiser.

RIF (Jennie Harrison)

Reported on RIF Event. Groundhog day activity theme – with some activity sheets. Jennie to do a new Scholastic Order; Jennie to get some teachers to help her reorder the books – Mrs. Sease and Mrs. Spokus volunteered to help. Overall, RIF went well.

Restaurant Fund (Maria Kretz)

Maria has one scheduled for Hoss's on the 27th of February, flyer to be sent out next week by Brandy.

Box Tops (Mrs. Sease & Mrs. Spokus)

Mrs. Sease reported on the Box Tops. Total amount currently is \$95.20 – there may be a small discrepancy between this number (on the website) and what we actually have. Totals for the grades are:

Grade 5 – 158

Grade 4 – 141

Grade 2 - 54

Kindergarten – 25

Grade 3 – 19

Grade 1 – 1

Spring Fundraiser (Jennie Harrison)

Allison gave report on the Spring Fundraiser: Carnations. Order has been turned in for 400, totally \$296.00. Will be delivered on the 12th. They need to be brought in and processed (cut and watered). The idea is to deliver it to classrooms at the end of the day so students can give directly to a teacher and/or take them home. Jennie had another idea to hand them out by calling Grades/classes down to the Lobby at the end of the day to pass out. Mrs. Sease seconded this idea. Flowers will be passed out on the 13th.

Maria reported on a Mother's Day or for Christmas next year, Easter next year, fundraiser: lollipops. A good idea for Mother's Day this year, we can still do it. Very affordable candy/treat (peanut butter filled things, chocolate lollipops, decorated oreos, hard candy). The Lollipop Shop in Shippensburg is the name of the company. Mother's Day is May 12th, order forms mid / end of March, more to be discussed at March meeting.

Holiday Craft (Allison Symmes)

No report

Hospitality (Allison Symmes)

Family Engagement night: Allison gave report on doing the Family Engagement night at the bowling alley – it will be cost prohibitive at \$16 a person and a limit to 90 people at a time – it would be several thousand dollars and several hours of time, to rent the facility. Allison opened it up to us to decide, checking with Magic Elm or doing Bingo night again. A suggestion was made to do a dance night (kids bring parents), more work to be presented on this at the next meeting.

Math Madness

Allison gave report – a planning meeting was held at the end of January. Kick off assembly will be Friday, March 1st, with the tournament/bracket event lasting two weeks from March 4th to March 15th. The big prize this year will be a Field Trip to Gettysburg College and work with the Gettysburg College basketball team at the college gym (more space). Another planning meeting will happen before the next meeting. There is some discussion about raising the goal amount.

Science Fair (Jeremy Kuhar)

Jeremy reported that Science Fair news is not looking too great – some changes to the format have killed the Science Fair proper; the PTO can still do something

science related projects, but as far as it's happened in the past, changes to the curriculum/changes to how the Scientific Method is taught there will not be a Science Fair as we've had in the past. Jeremy noted that that opens up \$1,200 worth of funds that we can use in some other way. Jeremy will follow up with teachers about a possible Science Engagement night or some kind of Science program, just not part of the curriculum. Another idea is to get College kids involved – Jeremy will do some more brainstorming.

Announcements

No announcements.

Gift Card Winner

Maria Kretz won the gift card.

Next Meeting: March 5th, 2024.