

PTA Minutes
Howe Elementary School Auditorium
November 13, 2024
Google Meet virtual meeting concurrent

Attendees:

1. Greg Engle
2. Liz Longo
3. Katy Thomas
4. Emily Balestriere
5. Tim Kellner
6. Jordan Backstrom
7. Janet Slagel
8. Marissa Johnston
9. Jess Robertson
10. Erin Ross
11. Kassie Wadsworth
12. Jess Spitznagel
13. Jen Webler
14. Misc. Google Meet attendees

Greg Engle opened meeting at 7:07pm

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting minutes from past meeting on 10/9/2024 were presented, motion to approve by Liz Longo, seconded by Emily Balestriere. APPROVED.

NEW BUSINESS

Treasurer's Report from Tim Kellner:

- Report:
 - October's opening balance at 1st National Bank was \$33,017.86.
 - 7 checks cleared during October totaling \$1,448.37.
 - No deposits cleared totaling \$0.
 - Earned 0.55 cents interest during this period.
 - October's closing balance at 1st National Bank was \$31,570.04.
 - October's opening balance at PayPal was \$0 as there was no activity this month.
 - Closing balance was also \$0.
 - Total ending funds for October were \$31,570.04.
- Audit is currently wrapping up and in final stages.

Schedule of Meetings:

- A meeting schedule is currently being finalized to hopefully accommodate more attendees.

- A meeting on January 8, 2025 has been added to the schedule since there is currently no January meeting on the calendar.

Bingo Night Proposal presented by Emily Balestriere:

- Asking for help for anyone who wants to help plan this new event.
- Working on picking a date during the winter months where there aren't many other events happening.
- Requested \$500 to begin purchasing supplies and preparations. APPROVED.

Funding Requests:

- Mrs. Pryor requested approximately \$200 for classroom supplies, puzzles and teaching enhancements. APPROVED.
- A request has been made by Mrs. Hughes to help via any available financial support for Mrs. Martin's retirement mural. The cost is \$600 and is being created and painted by Mr. Hain. The fourth grade teachers currently have \$150 to contribute toward the final cost. This has brought up a discussion about the appropriate amount of what the PTA should contribute toward retirement gifts for Howe teachers and staff. Amount pending approval and guidance from Mr. Rizzutto.

Committee Reports:

- Talent Show report given by Janet Slagel
 - Rehearsal scheduled for February 18th and the show is scheduled for February 21st. Greg needs to reserve auditorium.
 - Discussions about adding buttons as tokens of appreciation for performers.
- Spirit Wear report virtually provided by Jennie Rahimzadeh and presented by Emily and Greg.
 - Working with Commonwealth Press.
 - Decided for orders to open shortly and will remain open for 3 weeks.
- STEAM Fair report given by Kassie Wadsworth
 - Scheduled for March 27th at Howe
- Book Fair report given by Jen Webler
 - It's all setup in gymnasium and ready for students.
- Howe's About a Gift report given by Jen Webler
 - Next craft night is scheduled for November 20th from 7-9p.
- 5th Grade Committee report given by Marissa Johnston
 - T-shirts are in!
 - Bake sale on election day made approximately \$2,619 and \$297 on paypal.
 - Sold 85 dinner kits from Moe's fundraiser.
 - Next month they will be doing a Pitaland fundraiser
 - The 5th grade volunteer service project has selected to partner with an animal shelter. More information to come.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm by Greg Engle.