

December 20, 2018

Meeting Start: 3:19 pm

November minutes were approved. Linda Curtiss motioned and Kathy seconded. All approved.

In attendance: Aimee Magovern; President, Dana Pustinger; Vice President, Linda Curtiss; Secretary, Jen Catolane, Jennifer Hibbins Salzano, Jennifer Heath-Thomas, Amanda Leavenworth, Amy Maxton, Kathy Adams, Nanette Higgins, Craig Drenga, Tom Nadolny, Stephanie McNair, Brodie McNair.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Tom Nadolny spoke about the secretary position: secretary position hasn't been filled yet because when Lisa left she told him that there was too much down time. Theresa has been filling in when needed. The rest of the staff and teachers have been pitching in with the newsletter, Candi took over doing the lunch calendar, Lori flower did most of report cards, a secretary usually stuffs the envelopes. Not a lot of tasks are left over, but someone is still needed to be in the office in the mornings, so we will be looking for someone to fill that position. There are busy times of the year: report cards 3 times a year, newsletter 2-3 days of the month, but not much for the rest of the year.
- Student Council Fundraiser: Brodie McNair (president of student council) spoke with the owner of the Knox about doing a fundraiser to benefit the student council, possibly to be used to start a hiking club or to increase class budgets. It has to be a Tuesday in January. 10% of dinner sales will be donated to Farmington River student council. Farmington River Night will be held Tuesday, January 29, 2019.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

- Healthy Hands Initiative follow up: posters will be hung around the school to encourage awareness. Mrs. Catulo is still hoping to help out by getting the children to draw smaller posters to be hung around sinks and bathrooms, possibly when things settle down after the holiday break.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Cash Calendar Progress: 40 letters have been sent out to last year's donors for spaces on this year's calendar. Many checks have come in, but they have not been recorded yet.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Holiday Shop: this year's sales beat all records. \$2427.30 in total sales. The last few years on record have been a mix of profits and losses. In 2011, there was a profit of \$420, then in 2012, there was a loss of \$158, in 2013, a loss of \$186, and in 2014, a loss of \$145. In 2015 there was another surplus. The Holiday Shop has never meant to be a fundraiser, it's just meant to break even. So as a program, relative to other programs, it's pretty cheap fun for the kids. \$10 was spent on stamps and thank you cards were donated. Many items were donated: Brittany Hanky made hair bows and earrings, Linda made earrings, Len Alexander made his cork reindeer, Megan made cork ornaments, Lynn Minery's family donated bottles of syrup, Vicki Earnst donated handmade scarves, jewelry and recycled jewelry boxes were donated, homemade dog treats and cat nip pillows donated by Kathy Carrol. Around \$2300 was spent on the items to sell, but many unsold items were returned, so the actual profit has not yet been determined.

Not all classes used the money we donated to the classrooms, but a few did use some of it for students that didn't bring any money or who only had a few dollars.

- Ski Program (Craig): \$2090 was raised. 53 people signed up, including a few adults. January 2nd is the first lesson.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Playground equipment: Theresa has asked if the PTA can help purchase a new play structure. The current play structure is 20 years old and is rotting and broken. Tom will look at the budget, but there isn't generally room in the budget for equipment or maintenance. A play structure will be over \$30,000. Milton Bradley has done free playgrounds in Western MA: East Long Meadow, Chester, and Hadley. They will fund 50 to 100% of the cost. There is a grant we would have to fill out. Parents for Helping Kids Grant is another one we can apply for. Tom will begin some research on our options, including reaching out to Milton Bradley.
- Paint and Sip fundraiser: Amanda recently went to a Berkshire Paint and Sip fundraiser to benefit her child's daycare and she suggested we hold one as a fundraiser. We could possibly offer childcare as well, as Neesha has volunteered to do an obstacle course/scavenger hunt for the kids. Some location options may be the Knox, the Ski Ridge during summer, the Town Hall. Amanda will look into our options.
- Sunshine gift for Michael Flower: Aimee will check with Laurie for suggestions to go along with a card.
- Tubing: Dawn will reach out to Butternut to plan school tubing trip, possibly for February 1st. Tom will organize the bus scheduling for the trip.

Next meeting: January 17th at 3:15.

Meeting adjourned: 4:00 pm. Linda motioned, Dana seconded.