

March 21, 2019

Meeting Start: 3:15 pm

February minutes were approved. Dana motioned and Craig seconded. All approved.

In attendance: Aimee Magovern; President, Dana Pustinger; Vice President, Dawn Lemon; Treasurer, Linda Curtiss; Secretary, Nanette Higgins, Amy Maxton, Jamie Foster, Meaghan Martin, Amanda Leavenworth, Megan Smigel, Craig Drenga, Jennifer Hibbins Salzano, Kathy Adams, Katie Murray.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Meaghan Martin asked if the PTA could partially fund a field trip for 1st and 2nd grades to the Aquarium at the Rotterdam Mall in NY in April or May. She had written grants back in the fall to Otis and Sandisfield Cultural Councils. Sandisfield said they were denied because they didn't submit it electronically. She was told she could resubmit it; however, they are short on funds this year, so they would not be able to give anything this year. Meaghan was asking for \$790. Aimee pointed out that the kids worked hard selling calendars, so they deserve to benefit from it. We gave Mr. Keller's 5th grade class \$500 for their fieldtrip, benefiting one class, so \$790 will benefit 2 grades. There was a vote. All were in favor.
- Thank you notes: Thank you notes were given to the PTA from the students of the 3rd grade class for the Tubing at Butternut trip.
- Sunshine Gifts: Terri Digrigoli sent cards with a \$25 gift card to Mr. Keller for his injury and to Mrs. Hamill for her baby.

Vice President's Report:

- Screen Free Week: (May 13th-17th) Dana is working on free swim at Berkshire South for Friday night, Wednesday is tentatively Bingo night. Meaghan offered to contact Justin Soules about doing a Boot Camp class one evening. Jenn will contact a yoga instructor from the town hall classes to use as a back-up plan.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Finances: The Bank account has around \$33,000 as of now, less classroom accounts of about \$10,000, leaving us about \$23,000. There is \$1,775 still to be paid out for cash calendar winners. When the calendar is finished we'll be left with around \$21,800. In classroom accounts, almost all the teachers have balances greater than \$60, except for Mrs. Maxton and Mrs. Martin, who have zero, and Mrs. Mielke who has \$152.
- Cash Calendar Progress: The total raised from calendars sold was \$15,100. After expenses the profit was \$13,700. There was a miscommunication and one parent was upset because he was under the impression that some calendars were accepted late and added to the tally, knocking his child out of 1st place. However, the 65 calendars were handed in before vacation; they just were not present the night we counted calendars. Dawn took full responsibility for the mix up and had several conversations with him and she and the officers decided to give his child an extra \$25 as our apology for the misunderstanding; so the 1st and 2nd top sellers each got \$100, instead of \$100 and \$75. Next year we will take a full week to count calendars to avoid this type of thing from happening again. There was another parent complaint about how the winners are being picked because 2 people won twice on the same ticket. Aimee responded to his concern explaining the procedure, and told him that Paula in the office would be willing to speak to him as well about it if he wishes. There was talk about the possibility of not throwing winners back in, but no decision to change that was made.
- Dr. Seuss: \$195 was spent.
- Tubing at Butternut: Including paying for half the bus, our total expense for tubing was \$732. The children became very thirsty while tubing, Scott Catolane went out to get some water and cups for everyone. We'll need to remember to bring water and some sort of fruit for next year.

- Ski Program: Memberships covered \$2,340 of the program. The total expenses were \$3,546. PTA ended up putting in \$1,200 for entire program including the pizza party.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Spring Dance: Student council has an activity night booked for May 3rd, which includes a dance for grades 4-6. May and June are busy months, so we will wait to do a dance in the fall. Meaghan suggested maybe we can fund the ice cream truck for field day this year.
- Nomination Committee: Dawn and Kathy are on the committee so far. Dawn nominated Jenn Catolane for the position of Treasurer. At the next meeting in April we will need to have our officer nominees lined up so we can vote in May. We're still looking for someone to step into the President position. Aimee is prepared to share all information with anyone who would like to take that role. However, she will continue another year if there is no one to take her place.
- School Playground Update: Eric is going to speak in depth with Teresa about our options, and the cost to replace and the cost and possibility to repair the equipment, and what makes the most sense for the long term. The fiscal year 2020 budget has already been approved by the school committee, it hasn't been voted on yet, but as of now, there is no money in the budget for this. If someone comes out to audit it, and they say that the structure is not safe for use, then we will have to come up with the funds for it. However, that may take a year or two; therefore if the structure needs to be removed then there will be nothing there until there are funds to replace it.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Ice Cream Social (Wed April 10th): Set up will start at 1:00. Classes will start coming at 1:30. Katie Murray will pick up and prep all the ice cream and toppings. Mehan will pick up the paper supplies. Amanda, Linda, Kathy, Megan and Aimee will be there to scoop. Craig may also be able to be there.
- Volunteers for Student Council Event on May 3rd: Mrs. Catullo is looking for volunteers to help out with this event.

Next meeting: April 25, 2019 at 3:15.

Meeting adjourned: 4:40 pm. Linda motioned, Kathy seconded.