

June 3, 2021

Meeting Start: 6:03 pm

May minutes approval postponed.

In attendance: Aimee Magovern; President, Dana Pustinger; Vice President, Jennifer Catolane; Treasurer, Linda Curtiss; Secretary, Jennifer Hibbins Salzano, Brittany Mackach, Trisha Tetreault, Meaghan Martin, Amy Maxton.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: We received thank you notes from Amy Maxton, Nanette Higgins, Laura Messina, Ms. Peggy and Laurie Flower thanking us for all we did for teacher appreciation week.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: The ice cream truck is all set for Field day. Jenn will have a check for them.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Financial Update: Our account balance is just over \$32,000. 6th grade receipts are still coming in. Their balance is currently at \$1,331. \$691 in checks has recently gone out. Total of classroom accounts is \$10,298, and teacher accounts are at \$3,493, which leaves us with \$18,323 of PTA money. Teachers have until the end of September to use their balances from last year. We have almost \$8,000 more this year compared to last year, \$3,000 of our own, and the rest belonging to teacher and classroom accounts. We have not yet paid out the \$5,000 we agreed to donate toward the new playground sets. That will leave our account at about \$13,000. Fundraising comparison: just over \$100 less was raised this year compared to last year. Braided bread fundraiser expenses were higher than last year at \$560. Total income was down about \$550 from last year. Field day expenses are not in yet. That may be around \$1,000-\$1,500 with the dunk tank and the bouncy house. We also still need to pay for the t-shirts. We still have around 150 magnetic PTA clips we can hand out at some point. Nothing came in from the ski program yet.
- Volunteer of the Year of the Award: we are not doing one for this year. Craig Drenga received it last year and they will be acknowledging him this year at 6th grade graduation.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Field Day: Dunk tank and bouncy house are all set. Mr. Jeff will be getting the hose down to the field. The field will be sprayed on Saturday. The field was mowed this week. We have plenty of volunteers. Should we provide a breakfast item for volunteers? Papa's is donating coffee. Dana will make two pots at Papa's and bring it down. Sara and Login Pease will do the dunk tank on Wednesday. We don't have anyone lined up for Thursday yet. Brittany Mackach will pick up bagels and muffins. Volunteers can drop kids off at 8:10 and then head down to the field. Help for set up on Tuesday 3:00: Katy Utenis is bringing generator. We need help setting up events and signs. Long jump area needs to be weeded and raked. We can chalk the sidewalk with "field day this way." Meaghan, Aimee and Jenn have chalk. Meaghan, Jenn Catolane, and Linda will be there to help. Creighton will rake the long jump.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Fall Fundraising Ideas: Pie sales did well last year. Maybe another food fundraiser would be good. Jen Salzano said many of her costumers asked about pies again. One year we did a bulb fundraiser, that might be a good one to try again. There is the local farm that does wreaths, kissing balls and center pieces. Meaghan Martin will send Aimee the info on that.
- Back to School: (Chalking, Pre k/k meet the new parents, membership drive): kindergarten orientation will be on August 5th at 12:30 with Amy Maxton. Aimee can come in and talk to the parents. There are many new families this year. Membership rates should go up. We only get about 50 cents from each membership sold.

- Back to school night: We will have a table for membership sign ups. Maybe we can do a skit again. People seemed to enjoy it.
- Otis Trunk or Treat: We will support and work with the Rec Center to make that happen again this year.
- Choose meeting day and time for next year: The first Wednesday of the month at 3:15 might work best for everyone at this point. We can add a survey on the membership form asking what times would work best for parents, and revisit it after getting those results.
- Family Fun Night: Should we do Family Fun Night on the 3rd or 4th Friday of September instead of later in the year to promote the PTA memberships and also to help new families meet others? We could have Ed Pop as an entertainer. Or we could have the bubble guy, Kasey Carl. The Anti-bully assembly is scheduled for one day during the first week of October. We can also hold the hockey night event again.

Next meeting: Sept 2, 2021

Meeting adjourned: 7:17 pm. Jenn Catolane motioned, Dana seconded.