

September 1, 2021

Meeting Start: 3:48 pm

June minutes were approved. Linda motioned, Jennifer Hibbins Salzano seconded.

In attendance: Aimee Magovern; President, Dana Pustinger; Vice President, Jennifer Catolane; Treasurer, Linda Curtiss; Secretary, Jennifer Hibbins Salzano, Phil Magovern, Brittany Mackbach, Lyn Obrien, Zach Haynes.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Back to School chalking and gifts: the chalking was a hit. A few posts were on the Facebook page saying it was appreciated. Thank you to Dana for putting together all the chalk and bubbles for all the students! Megan Smigel designed the coffee cups for the teachers' gifts, and Dana added chocolate bars, and gift cards were added to that. Aimee realized that we never voted on the amount to spend so going forward we need to vote on the amount we will spend on teacher and student back to school gifts, as we were a little over the typical amount spent this year.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Financial Update: Our account balance is just over \$26,000. Total of classroom accounts is just under \$10,000, and teacher accounts are right around \$1,240. We need to disperse the leftover 6th grade account. In the past we have allocated that money equally between all of the classroom accounts. We will do that again this year. Jenn sent out the balances of teacher accounts to all teachers with a reminder that they need to be spent by September 30th. Any money left in each account will go with the class that was with them last year. If Mr. Foster doesn't use his, it will be added to the amount to be allocated to all the other classroom accounts.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Fall Fundraising: Pies, breads and wreaths: Order forms will go home on Monday. Students will be able to get physical orders and online. It will run for 2 weeks. Delivery is scheduled for November 19th at 12:30. Meaghan Martin has the details on the second fundraiser of wreaths, kissing balls and center pieces to start in October and to be delivered before Christmas, however she was not in attendance. These fundraisers are for the classroom accounts, not to benefit the PTA. We should send out a note with the first fundraiser just letting everyone know there will be a second one in October.
- Trunk or Treat: What are we giving out this year? Cars sign-up list? It will be held at the Ridge this year, same time as the usual trick or treat, October 29, 5-7pm. We need people to sign up to decorate trunks, as well as a PTA car. The registration forms will be coming out soon. Some things we handed out last year were stress balls, pencils, bendable toys, and PTA magnet clips. There are some leftovers from last year, but we will need to get some more things. Brittany Mackbach will decorate her car for the PTA with our banner. The Rec Center asked if the PTA can get the prize for the best trunk. Last year we did a \$50 gift card to the Knox. All agreed to provide that prize.
- Family Fun Night: (Masked and outside): Brittany asked if we could we do an outdoor movie night in the field down back? We would need to rent a movie screen and cover the movie license. We could have a concession stand. Aimee will check with Tom for permission.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Membership Drive and vote on dues: It has been suggested that we raise our membership price to \$10. If we do, we might struggle to get the amount of members we need to sign up. We need to have 50 members to be a part of the State PTA. A vote was taken and all were in favor of

keeping the fee at \$5. Jenn will add a question on the membership form asking what day of the week and time would be best for families to attend the meeting.

- Brainstorm ideas for ways to encourage the students: Online programs, individual notes, in person presentations? The anti-bully assembly was canceled for October. Maybe we can do a COVID version of an ice cream social. Aimee can send out an email asking teachers if their group has any ice cream restrictions, dairy free etc., and check with Kendra about using space in her freezer, and then we can get a few different types of ice cream cups/pops. We'll let the teachers know when the supply is there so they can grab some for their students for their afternoon snack. Maybe we can start some group meetups at the town hall playground through the Facebook page? Lyn Obrien can check for any conflicts with scheduling a once a month outdoor event. Zach Haynes will help to work out the time and date for the first meetup and go once a month after that.
- Thunderbirds Hockey game: We can organize another game for families to attend. We don't currently have a chorus as we did in the past; however, we can subsidize the student tickets, and possibly family tickets, food, or hats, depending on what kind of price we get from the company.
- Staff Meal for Parent/Teacher Conferences on Oct. 21st: We need to put some thought into some possible options for the teacher meal: possibly pizza, pasta, grinders, does anyone have a connection with a restaurant or other type of food service? We will also need help with deserts.. Cupcakes, cookies, brownies, etc.
- Gaga Pit Mat: the present mat is destroyed. We need to know where the pit will be located once the new slide is put in. Maybe we won't need a mat. Or we can check with Home Depot about indoor/outdoor carpet or turf. If it is going to stay where it is, we could just add fresh wood chips to it. Phil will reach out and talk to Tom about the location and the best solution for the flooring in the pit.

Next meeting: October 6, 2021 at 4:00pm

Meeting adjourned: 4:48 pm. Jenn Catolane motioned, Dana seconded.