

PTO Meeting Notes
03/07/2023

In Attendance: Shaelah Dame, Kelly Keyrouse, Brytney Wagner, Nadene Becker

Shaelah called the meeting to order at 4:45pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Last meeting's minutes accepted.

Treasurer's Report:

Savings: \$1,013.26
Checking: \$11,655.67
6th Grade Fund: \$192.34

- One Ellms Farm refund check and the Clear Image check has not cleared yet.
- Gertrude Hawk to be paid once invoice is received.

Old Business

- Yearbook
 - Mrs. Knapp handling Yearbook Club. Shaelah saw their work in progress. Looks great so far.
 - Yearbook club has received all love lines.
 - Yearbook dedication is still up in the air.
 - Consider bringing back paid sponsors/advertisements next year
- Gertrude Hawk
 - \$3,176 paper orders. \$1,686 online orders. \$138 shy of receiving 40% profit instead of 35%.
 - *Shaelah motioned to spend \$200 on Gertrude Hawk for Easter egg/jar fillers. Brytney seconded the motion.*
 - Brytney to order jelly beans and foil eggs.
- Book Giveaway
 - Went well. Next year... To help with appropriate book selection, section books PK-2/3-6 and cover the older book section when it's the littles' time to choose.
 - Need 6 tables.
 - Plenty of PK-2 books left but will need to order more chapter books for 3-6.
- Spirit Week
 - Tentative week: May 15-19
 - Brainstorm themes
 - Movie night on the 19th? "Dress as your favorite movie character" that day?
- Basketball Pizza Party
 - Brytney to get pizza from Pizza Supreme. Paying by check. Bring tax exempt form.
 - 24 cut cheese. 12 cut pepperoni.
- Oh The Places You'll Go Books
 - Shaelah found a stack of books left behind by kids who left the district. All were written in, rendering them useless for our purposes. Do we want to continue? *All in favor of continuing this tradition.*
 - To avoid this waste/issue in the future, make it a point to pass the book along to students leaving the district.
 - Shaelah found them currently on sale at Target for \$7.50. She is going to buy 20.
 - *Shaelah motioned to spend \$200 on the books. Kelly seconded the motion.*
- 6th Grade Gift
 - No, this is not something PTO usually does.

New Business

- Easter Activity
 - Shaelah will be out of town during the initial date chosen, so we are pushing the afternoon of activities to April 28th and doing a "Bounce/Blast Into Spring" event.
 - In lieu of the Easter activities, PTO is purchasing large plastic eggs which will be personalized and filled with treats. The Easter Bunny (Ms. Ellis) will deliver the eggs to classrooms on April 6th.

- Shaelah to ask Ms. Ellis if there will be time for each child (or one picture for the whole class) to get a picture with the Easter Bunny.
- PTO also doing a jelly bean guess jar in each classroom.
- *Shaelah motioned to spend \$500 on Easter. Kelly seconded the motion.*
- “Bounce/Blast Into Spring” Event
 - Friday, April 28th
 - Shaelah to ask Ms. Ellis if this could be an all day event so that the upper and lower classes can be separate. If possible, PK-2 8:30a-11a and 3-6 12p-2p.
 - Space shuttle obstacle course from Kyle’s Bounce House. Need to measure the gym before ordering.
 - *Shaelah motioned to spend \$1,500 on the “Bounce/Blast Into Spring” Event. Kelly seconded the motion.*
 - Bounce house, face painting, craft, trail mix station, sand art.
- 6th Grade Essay
 - No updates. Consult Tom.
- Earth Day Trees
 - With everything already going on in April, *All in favor of skipping them this year.*
- Staff Appreciation
 - May 8-12
 - What are we asking Stewart’s for?
 - What should we do each day? Brainstorm.
 - Shaelah to confirm the number of staff.
- Paint Night
 - “Canvas and Cookies” or “Paint and Punch”
 - Thursday, March 23th 6pm? Confirm use of the cafeteria on that date.
 - Simple design for all grade levels.
 - Treat this like Slice and a Story. (No cost to participants and sign-ups required.)
 - Shaelah to work on sign-up flyers, approval, and send home this week.
 - *Shaelah motioned to spend \$400 on paint night. Kelly seconded the motion.*
- May Event
 - Spirit week (May 15th-19th)
 - Possible movie night on the 19th
- End of Year Field Trip
 - Ideas: Rev Rail and Billy Beez. Brainstorm other options. Shaelah to price Billy Beez.
- End of Year Activity
 - School Dance (DJ, lights, pizza, photo booth, drinks, cupcakes, etc)
 - “Back to School Bash.” August 26th? Could we use the school to do a dance at the end of August?
- Shaelah out of town for April’s scheduled meeting. Moving April’s meeting to the 17th at 3:30pm.

Action Items

- PTO binder: Work in progress.
- Need to spruce up our send-home correspondence. Maybe it will catch more eyes.
 - Inquire about the use of a colored printer.
 - PTO Monthly Newsletter?
 - PTO Calendar?

The next PTO meeting will be held on April 17th at 3:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at 6:32pm.