

## PTSA Meeting Minutes January 23, 2017

Present: Deanna Louis, Vicki Meyer, Pam Moser, Susan Bloczynski, Jill Plonka, Mitzi Hisel, Sativa Self, Holly Nelson, Kara Steinmetz, and Angie Young

The meeting was called to order by President Deanna Louis.

**Secretary Report:** Minutes from last meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Susan stated the current balance is \$9,462.69. All outgoing bills are done and cleared, \$743 was made from boxtops last spring and this fall, and there was a deposit of \$1000+. When all is entered the approximate balance will be around \$10,000.

**Ithaca Foundation Report/School Store/Fundraising Updates:** Jill stated the foundation met last night and are going to be doing a fundraiser in October. The fundraiser is going to be October 1<sup>st</sup> and will be an area open house (same idea as parade of homes). Also, the new date for box tops will be February 17<sup>th</sup> and students from the high school are going to count them.

### Old Business

Raising a Thinking Child: Three families have complete this eight week long course.

Rotary Lights in the Park: They sent a thank you letter and the event was a success! There is now a bin in the elementary workroom labeled for the tree lights. Thank you to all who helped with decorations and in making this event a success!

Spiritwear Fundraiser: This was again a success and \$905 was made.

Kind to be Cool T-shirts: These were delivered last Wednesday to Mrs. Clary. The event started on January 23<sup>rd</sup> in which the 5<sup>th</sup> graders wore their t-shirts. There were designated dress up days throughout the week and the 5<sup>th</sup> graders spoke to all elementary grades about being kind. Great job 5<sup>th</sup> grade!

Info for Kwik Trip Application: Susan is to finish up this application.

Christmas Treats for Teachers: This was a great success and well received by teachers! The goodies available included meat, cheese, fruit, and veggies. The amount came to \$93.30 and was done on December 14<sup>th</sup>. The teachers liked this date as it was before all the hustle and bustle of the upcoming holiday events.

Thank yous: The 5<sup>th</sup> graders made thank you cards for the PTSA for the shirts donated. The food pantry sent a thank you note to the PTSA and Advanced Biology students for their donation of food from the Haunted Forest.

## **New Business**

Funds Distribution Due – Scholarship/Mrs. Schmitz books: We need to provide directions for the scholarships and deadlines on when recipients should ask for the money. Mrs. Schmitz has been provided the \$200 for the family reading event.

Yearbook Update: Susan stated the theme this year is jokes and she is working hard on finishing up this project!

Fundraising Request – STEM books with Mrs. Schmitz: The students need more nonfiction books available to them. Mrs. Schmitz is wanting to purchase STEM books, standing for Science Technology Engineering Math. She needs approximately \$2000 in order to purchase these books. The foundation agreed to match what the PTSA donates. The PTSA approved the request in the amount of \$1007.50.

Semester Stars: Jill will send out an e-mail to the teachers reminding them to turn in any semester star nominations.

Parent/Teacher Conferences: The parent/teacher conferences are going to be on Tuesday 2/21 and Thursday 2/23. We are going to supply sandwiches on Tuesday 2/21. Susan is going to be in charge of pick-up and delivery of the meals.

Other: Jill informed us the school store fundraiser will begin on Monday January 30<sup>th</sup>. Deanna volunteered to get treats for the teachers for Valentine's Day.

### **Fund Requests:**

1. Mr. Mani filled out a funds request form to purchase 6 sheets of plywood to add to the climbing wall. The amount is going to come to \$210. The PTSA approved this request.
2. Savannah Hisel filled out a funds request form and her mom (Mitzi) was at the meeting to present it to the PTSA. Savannah was asked to be a member of the WI Women's Wrestling Team. The costs are going to add up so the PTSA approved a donation of \$300 (which will be used toward her wrestling gear). Good luck Savannah, make Ithaca proud!
3. Pam Moser presented a funds request for Brett Laage (unknown to him). His daughter is in 8<sup>th</sup> grade at Ithaca and Brett is legally blind. The donation is toward a pair of glasses that will allow him to see. The PTSA approved a donation of \$250 toward this.
4. Pam Moser also present a funds request for Toby Tripalan (unknown to him). He is the principal and athletic director at North Crawford schools. He was recently diagnosed with cancer. At one of the upcoming North Crawford basketball games (vs. Ithaca) there will be fundraising being done for him. Pam suggested a donation of \$100. This request has been approved.
5. The Lettermen's Club filled out a funds request form for the Caps for Causes event. This would be an annual amount of \$100. This request has been approved.

**See you at the next meeting on Monday February 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 in the commons!**