

PTSA Meeting Minutes October 21, 2015

Present: Deanna Louis, Susan Bloczynski, Jill Plonka, Vicki Meyer, Rhiannon Bloczynski, Kim Jonquist, Monica Kershner, Mrs. Steinmetz, Mrs. Schoen, Pam Moser, Rita Kleinsasser, Denise Huffar, Kris Willis, Mr. Tarvin, Mrs. Wobschall

The meeting was called to order by President Deanna Louis.

Secretary's report: Vicki now has the secretary's book and has taken over the position.

Treasurer's report: Current balance is \$2145.48. \$204.86 was used to buy food for the teacher's luncheon.

Ithaca Foundation report: None, there was no meeting.

Old Business

Luncheon for the teachers: The PTSA provided subs, chips, and cookies for the teachers. The total of this was \$204.86.

Spiritwear inventory: We have 3 of the 2XL purple shirts and most every size of the new gray t-shirts.

Halloween treats for staff: Deanna will be taking care of delivering the Halloween treats. She is going to pick up a card and candy for the teachers and will deliver them on Thursday, October 29th.

Thank you- The PTSA received a thank you from Diane and Pat Clements. They thanked us for our kind words and monetary gift after the loss of a loved one, William "Bill" Clements. They said the money will be donated to the Richland County Military Honor Roll. The Laue family also sent a thank you after the loss of a loved one. They thanked us for and appreciated our support and generous gift.

New Business

Winter concessions: The winter concessions consist of selling concessions during the home basketball games and home wrestling meets. The purpose of the winter concessions is to possibly make \$100 for the PTSA. We could bring some of our own concession items and get 100% of those profits, but as Susan said it would be hard to differentiate what was provided vs. brought. Deanna mentioned the fact that we are a small group and are stretched pretty thin to begin with. We are going to table this item until the November meeting when we better know the schedules.

Memorials guidelines: The current staff are considered any staff who are on the payroll. They will receive a memorial of \$25 and a card in honor of their lost loved one. This is for immediate family, for other family they will receive a card. For past staff who have lost a loved one they will receive a card.

Haunted Woods: Mr. Cler had set the admission to the Haunted Woods at \$1.00 per person. The PTSA was wondering if we would be able to allow individuals to pay \$1.00 or bring a non-perishable food item. Mr. Cler had suggested donating the money to the PTSA but it was decided to make the donation to Passages. There was also a suggestion about selling glow in the dark bracelets for \$0.25. There was discussion about what happened if the kids dropped them, and because they glow in the dark we figured they would be easy to pick up. Mrs. Moser will be talking to Mr. Cler about selling the glowsticks and if he approves Jill will purchase them. Jill volunteered to speak with Mr. Cler about the idea of admission being \$1.00 or a non-perishable food item. Along with the Haunted Woods there is

going to be a bonfire. The PTSA decided to donate items needed to make smores. Susan will purchase the items to make smores and Rhiannon will bring these to the Haunted Woods event. Jill and Mrs. Moser graciously volunteered to staff the admission table. Thank you to all who are helping to make this event possible!

Spiritwear fundraiser: Some of the items that will be for sale will include the following: long sleeve shirts, hoodies and zip up sweaters, polo shirts, shorts, sweat pants, pullovers, stocking caps, flannel pants, scarfs, little bulldog items, coffee cups, blankets, and stadium seats. These items are going to be purchased through Brett Iverson. He is going to set up a website in which people can go online and order and pay all in one stop. There is also an option of using a paper order form. This site will remain up at all times but we are going to be doing a Christmas sale. The items will be available for purchase throughout November. If purchased by a specified date (which will be discussed) they will be available for pick-up at the school the second week of December. We will not be sending the items home with students; parents will need to pick up orders at the school on the specified date. We discussed any items that may be missing from the list people would like to see added. It was discussed that there should be an option to purchase baseball style hats; we will see if Brett can add this to the list

of items available for purchase. As far as selling spiritwear at basketball games and wrestling meets we are going to table this for the November meeting.

Request forms: Mr. Tarvin- He started off by thanking the PTSA for the welcome basket he received last year as a new teacher. His request is if the PTSA would like to purchase a rug for his classroom. They are currently using carpet squares, which are a distraction to the younger students (rolling up in them). This is something that would be educational as well. The rug would be ordered through J.W. Pepper and would receive a tax free credit, costing \$360. The PTSA approved this request. The money will be given to Lisa and she can then purchase this item through the school. Mrs. Gabrielse- She was not present but her request was for a mat by the drinking fountains in her room. The mats would be so the children don't slip on the water. We discussed this request but found it would be better suited if she approached the Building and Grounds with this request as it's a safety issue. Mrs. Wobschall and Mrs. Steinmetz- Their request was to discuss the popcorn sales. They are going to be continuing the popcorn fundraiser in the Spring. This is a fundraiser for the elementary school and is through Rural Route popcorn. They just wanted to make the PTSA aware of what was going on with the fundraiser.

Other: Mrs. Schoen is looking for 2L pop bottles. She needs 30 for a class project and they need to be clear or light colored. If you could bring in any you have that would be greatly appreciated, Thank you! Monica Kershner approached the PTSA with the idea of a popcorn sales fundraiser. Her children had gone to Doudna and every Friday there was a popcorn sale for the students to purchase small bags of popcorn. The popcorn cost \$0.50 a bag. It would allow each grade or student organization to host a different Friday and keep the profits for their class needs. This would be no chore to the teachers as volunteers would be parents of the students. They would just need to number of bags of popcorn per room and to collect the money. The teacher could then decide when they wanted to hand out the bags of popcorn to their students. The teachers present at the PTSA meeting agree this sounded like an okay idea. However, the popcorn sales would need someone to oversee the whole event and coordinate everything. Monica volunteered to be the overseer. Some of the issues voiced by members of the PTSA were bookkeeping issues. Susan didn't think this would be a bookkeeping issue as she would be able to keep this separate from other PTSA funds on the spreadsheets. However, Deanna voiced that this would be a fundraiser for the elementary classes and other student groups. She said the PTSA is separate from the school and would not be able to take in these funds and disperse them to specific classes later. It was discussed that the money PTSA raises cannot hold aside specific amounts for certain groups. Anyone looking for assistance needs to fill out a request

form and each request has equal opportunity to receive assistance, yet the amounts requested will vary. This would mean the PTSA would have to keep track of who raised what money and make sure it was only spent by them. It would also mean even though a specific group raised the money they would still need to fill out a request form to receive that money. It was also mentioned that Mr. Coenen will need to approve the food part of this project. This sounds like a great idea but there are still many kinks that need to be worked out. Monica will be checking into things and getting back to the PTSA on what she finds out and let us know more about how this will work. Jill mentioned she is going to be doing a popcorn sale with her class the second week of November. She is going to use this as a trial run. Jill has collected the box tops and will be sitting down soon to tally up how much was raised via this fundraiser.

Lastly, the PTSA has decided to change the times of the meetings. Wednesday's meetings will be changed from 3:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday's meetings will be changed from 6 p.m. to 5 p.m. We are hoping more people will be able to attend the meetings with the time changes.

The next meeting will be Monday November 16 @5:00 PM in the commons. We hope to see you there!