

## **PTSA Meeting Minutes November 17, 2014**

Present: Deanna Louis, Kari Honer, Pam Moser, Monica Kershner, Jill Plonka.

The meeting was called to order by President Deanna Louis.

Treasurer's report: Current balance is about \$1777.34. We have checks of \$304.10 and \$1059.30 pending from Boxtops for Education. Jill mentioned she also has milk caps she will be sending in next week.

### **Old Business**

Thank you: From the staff for the P/T conference supper, Mrs. Behrens and Mrs. Crook for memorials, Mrs. Ruff, Mrs. Ivey, & Mrs. Jump for the new teacher baskets.

Fundraiser: Apparel orders are coming in and are due Nov. 21. Deanna will place the order and decide on a pick-up date/time. People who purchased apparel will be contacted via email/phone and the daily school announcements as to the exact date and time of pick-up. Items will not be sent home with kids. If you are unable to pick-up, other arrangements can be made with Deanna.

Popcorn popper: Mr. Mani brought the extra popcorn popper up and it is in the elementary teacher prep room. Jill will clean it and test it hopefully next week sometime. This could be a good fundraiser for both the PTSA and for any classes that want to sell popcorn to fund fieldtrips or class parties. We may look into purchasing popcorn from the Elementary RR1 popcorn fundraiser in the spring.

Pam reported that the supper for the teachers during P/T conferences and the candy for Halloween were greatly appreciated by the staff.

Halloween Party: The Halloween party was held on Oct. 31 during the HS Football playoff game. There were about 30 kids and a dozen adults that attended. The Haunted Hallway was cancelled due to the game. Thank you to Oakwood Fruit Farm, ET Foods and M&M Grain for their donations. Melissa Sprecher mentioned that next year we may want to have the party after school on the day the kids are allowed to dress up to avoid any football playoff conflicts. Winners of the \$5 Culvers gift cards for the costume contest were: preschool John Weitzel, 4K Brooklyn Dahlke, 5K Annabeth Sprecher, 1st grade Abby Plonka, 2nd grade Jason Johnson, 3rd grade Alyvia Young, 4th grade Anna Dahlke, and 5th grade Emma Schoen. Also thank you to the Middle School members who helped out with the party and thank you to Mrs. Schoen for providing the Culvers sundae coupons as well!

### **New Business**

Elementary yearbook: There will be no cover contest this year as we are planning on using the photo Mrs. Ziemke took of the entire elementary on the cover. Deanna will get in contact with Susan Bloczynski via her Susan Snapped facebook page to coordinate the planning of the yearbook.

Christmas treats for the teachers: Jill will email the membership to get donations for cookies like she did for bars for the teacher meal. We will try to get 3-4 plates of Christmas treats for Monday, December 15 and a 3-4 plates for Thursday, December 18. Jill will send out a mass email after Thanksgiving.

We will also be doing the \$30 checks to the elementary teachers for supplies to be handed out between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Kari will get the checks to Jill to distribute.

Monica mentioned that we may want to try to have a PTSA meeting after school sometime to draw more members. Pam mentioned that her MS students would possibly be able to provide babysitting services for parents with small children. We will table the idea for now until a meeting date can be picked.

Deanna will check with Mrs. Willis to see if she will need snacks for the Science fairs.

Jill mentioned the possibility of planning a PTSA Bingo night. Tezra has been researching bingo nights at the Community Center. Monica explained how the Doudna PTO has their bingo nights – they are usually in February and there is a big grand prize for “blackout” – a 2 night stay at the Wilderness which is partially donated by the Wilderness. There are also lots of prizes for kids and adults. She said they provided simple refreshments like cookies and juice. Doudna also was able to get Ron Fruit to do their calling. We thought we might be able to get Ithaca alumnus and WRCO radio personality Phil Nee to do our calling. Monica, Tezra and Jill will work on this project and try to plan a date in February for the Bingo night.

FYI for everyone: Deanna has changed her email address. Please contact her at [dlouislpn@gmail.com](mailto:dlouislpn@gmail.com)

There will be no December meeting as there is no pending business at this time.