

PTSA Meeting Minutes March 16, 2015

Present: Deanna Louis, Pam Moser, Susan Bloczynski, Barb Granger, Jill Plonka.

The meeting was called to order by President Deanna Louis.

The secretary's report from the February meeting was approved.

Treasurer's report: Current balance is \$2348.15. Jill mentioned that checks from the last boxtops/milkcaps pick up should be coming in the next few weeks. She will drop them off at the bank for Kari when they come.

Fundraising report: Labels for Education points: 6,232, Boxtops for Education March 1 submission: \$425.60, Milk Moola March 1 submission: \$490.00, Funding Factory (toners and phones): - Sent 3 boxes out on March 11 totaling 80 lbs., Ithacaopoly – sold another that was shipped to Maryland.

Spirit Items Inventory- T-shirts: 57, Seat cushions: 27 plus Deanna has 8 or 9, Necklaces- a dozen, Bulldog Magnets -6, Ithacaopoly – Jill has 4. (Jenny Laue has 2 ½ cases left. Jill will get another case from her in the fall), Cowbells-1, Window clings-0, Bottle koozies – Jill has none. Jenny L. has about 5 left so Jill told her to keep them for next year's basketball party, New – pencils: about 255 left of the 288 purchased.

Ithaca Foundation Report – Jill P. said the Mystery Dinner scheduled for Friday, March 27 has been postponed to fall.

Old Business

Thank yous: From Peg Durkin, the Jump family and Frank Wastlick for memorials, the staff for the lunch for parent/teacher conferences, & Cathy Coppernoll and David Johnson for the silent auction items.

Vending machine: The FBLA/Mrs. Jump will be taking over the vending machine starting next fall. They have access to onsite storage of vending items and an on staff person who can deal immediately with "out of order" messages. If the FBLA decides they do not want to do it after a period of time, it will revert back to the PTSA.

Popcorn Machine Guidelines – Due to meeting time constraints, we will discuss this at the April meeting.

Science Fair Snacks – Jill offered to organize the snacks at the Middle School science fair on Tuesday, March 24. Barb Granger offered to organize the snacks for the Elementary School science fair on Tuesday, April 14th. Deanna will drop off the snacks with Mrs. Willis. They will consist of Capri Suns, cheese and cracker packs and fruit snacks.

Mrs. Moser said they are ok on the MS Rewards program funding.

New Business

Elementary yearbook- Susan B. showed us several pages she has already completed for the elementary yearbook. They looked excellent!!! She also had a demo copy of a yearbook from the company she is using to publish it and it is of an excellent quality paper and color. She is going to add an "About Me" page as the first page of the yearbook so the child can fill out all their school year information on it to make it a very nice memory book. This may increase the number of yearbooks

sold as parents may want to buy one for each child in elementary school instead of just one per family. The cost will remain the same as last year. Susan also said it will have more pages to it as well. Order forms will go out sometime in April.

Semester Star Nominations – It was decided to have all nominations in by April 17 so that we can vote on them at the April 20 meeting. Jill will email teachers to remind them. Pam will see if she can get some off-staff coaches email information so we can send nomination forms to them as well.

Ms. Barto had requested some kind of “goody bag” that she had seen other schools do for new students and wondered if the PTSA could help. Mrs. Moser put together a “Welcome to Ithaca” booklet with her MS reps for the students visiting 4K last week and next week. The booklet shows all the places in the school a 4K student will go and what they will do starring “Buddy the Bulldog”. Jill put together other items in the bags – a paw necklace, a Bulldogs pencil, paw tattoos and a Bulldog sticker. The PTSA will gladly do this every year and possibly add more items to it.

Volunteer Week – Is April 12-18. Though Kari couldn't make this meeting, we will see if she wants to come up with a nice saying thanking all our volunteers like she has in the past and putting an ad thanking them in the Shopping News/Richland Observer. Jill will create a display case to thank our volunteers as well.

Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week & Breakfast – We will do another breakfast on Wednesday, May 6. Mrs. Crook said the NHS will help out with it. Melissa Sprecher has also volunteered to help as well. Deanna will talk to Mrs. Palmer about using her room once again for this.

Funds request- Brandon Bee filled out a request form but was unable to attend the meeting as he was at track practice so Mrs. Moser presented it for him. Brandon is playing in the WFCA All-Star Football Game on 7/18/2015 in Oshkosh, Wisconsin and they are asked to try to raise \$3500 for the Children's Hospital of Wisconsin. Brandon wanted to know if we would donate \$100 to this cause. All in attendance voted yes. Deanna said Kari has a credit card for the PTSA and we would have her do it through the website. If anyone else would like to donate the site is:

<https://www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/BrandonBee/2015-wfca-all-star-football-game>

The next meeting will be **Monday, April 20 at 6 pm in the Commons.**