

PTSA Meeting Minute February 17, 2016

Present: Deanna Louis, Susan Bloczynski, Jill Plonka, Pam Moser, Kara Steinmetz, and Vicki Meyer

The meeting was called to order by President Deanna Louis.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from November's meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Current balance is \$2031.89; January milk caps and box tops brought in \$1154, we paid out \$258.99 for the teacher's meals for parent/teacher conferences, we paid out two \$25 memorials, and the spirit fundraiser brought in \$777.

Ithaca Foundation Report: There were no meetings.

Old Business

Spirit fundraiser: It was a success. The spirit fundraiser brought in \$777 and we are still waiting on the check. We are looking at opening up the online ordering again this spring. We will discuss the details at the March meeting.

Christmas treats for staff: This was a success.

P/T conference Mmal: We provided subway for the teacher's during the parent/teacher conferences. The amount came to \$258.99. There were a couple thank you's given to PTSA for doing this.

Other: There is none.

Thank you: The PTSA received a thank you from Passages. They thanked us for the donation of \$246 and box of food from the Haunted Woods event in October. They thanked us for our generosity.

The Mani family sent a thank you note.

The Ithaca Staff sent a thank you note for the meal provided during the parent teacher conferences. They thanked us for our gesture and kindness.

Mrs. Wobshall also sent a thank you note for the supper provided during parent teacher conferences. She also thanked us for all our support of Ithaca schools, letting us know how we are appreciated.

New Business

Elementary school checks: In the past the PTSA has given money to offset costs of supplies needed for the elementary classrooms. Instead of doing this we are going to suggest that if the teachers need something come to PTSA and ask. We have extra supplies stored that the teachers can have and use up. Pam will continue to send out reminder e-mails about the supplies that are on hand.

School supplies: Pam will continue sending out reminder e-mails to teachers about the supplies the PTSA still has. Mrs. Schmitz said the PTSA could store the extra supplies in the elementary prep room if needed. Lastly, Mrs. Steinmetz brought up a suggestion of donating snacks to the elementary classrooms, K-2. She said this would be a big help toward the end of the year when they begin to run out of snacks in the classes. Deanna is going to talk with Lisa or Sue in the office on getting the school to buy the snacks and then the PTSA will reimburse the cost.

Science fair dates: The science fair dates are, April 5th- middle school and April 19th- elementary. Susan is going to volunteer for the middle school science fair and Vicki will volunteer for the elementary science fair. There will be 190 kids needing snacks. Deanna is going to get the snacks and deliver them.

Semester star nominations: Jill is going to make the certificates. The nominees can only be high school students and can be nominated by anyone. We have the funds to award \$25 for up to eight people. Three nominations have been received for first semester. The first is Nolan Clary who was nominated by Connie Jump. The second is James

Swan who was nominated by Stephanie Ivey. The third is Jacob Huebsch who was also nominated by Stephanie Ivey. There are all approved for the first semester star award.

Scholarship: We need to come up with what the requirements of the scholarship will be and have it finalized by March 14th. The packet deadlines are April 1st. Pam is going to check with Meredith to see what else we need to do to establish this. The officer's went through the worksheet, "Considerations for Establishing a Scholarship". Pam will be writing this up and handing it over to Meredith.

Box tops/labels: Jill sent in the milk caps and box tops in January and we received \$1,154. Jill informed us that the Target red card is ending in May and the milk moola program through Kwik Trip will be ending. All the milk moola need to be postmarked by October 2016. This will make a big negative impact on us as the last check for milk moola was \$876. However, Jill talked to us about another fundraising opportunity. The new opportunity is Schoolstore.com. This would allow people to buy from online stores. One thing the PTSA did not like is the idea of students sending out the invites and to eliminate individual prizes for the kids. Jill is going to check and see what alternatives there are, for example, the kids can raise prizes for the classrooms. Jill is going to get more details about the program as we're interested but want more information. We will discuss this at the March meeting.

Yearbook update: This year four extra pages have been added, bringing the total to 50 pages. In the past the yearbook was \$13 but will be raised to \$15 due to the extra pages. The layout is done; Susan is just waiting on a couple teachers to respond on any corrections of student names.

4K booklets and goody bags: The school will be creating the booklets. We need 25 goody bags and included in each will be the following: stickers, paw tattoos, necklaces, and pencils. March 11th is the first 4K meeting.

Elementary basketball: It is okay for them to get rid of the can koozies. In the future the PTSA is going to leave it up to the basketball boosters to provide the prizes for the elementary basketball prizes.

Other: The PTSA is in favor of making a donation of \$25 to the Ithaca Cares for the Bartels family.

Jill has e-mailed Cindy Schmitz about the family fun reading night.

At March's meeting we will address: Revisiting the Wednesday afterschool meetings. We will discuss the possibility of childcare at the meetings. We will discuss opening the online spirit fundraiser for people to order spring items, including: t-shirts, baseball hats, visors, hoodies, and shorts. Deanna is going to check on opening up the online store.

Lastly, we are changing the date of the meeting to Monday March 14th due to the next week being spring break.

The next meeting will be **Monday March 14, 2016 @5:00 PM in the commons**. We hope to see you there!