

PTSA Meeting Minutes November 16, 2015

Present: Deanna Louis, Vicki Meyer, Susan Bloczynski, Jill Plonka, Pam Moser, Monica Kershner

The meeting was called to order by President Deanna Louis.

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

Treasurer's Report: Current balance is \$1,885.78; waiting on some checks to clear, after the checks clear it will be \$1246.32.

Ithaca Foundation Report: There is none.

Old Business

Music Rug: Mr. Tarvin received his music rug we had discussed at the October meeting. He included a thank you to PTSA for this donation.

Haunted Woods: The Haunted Woods went over great! Thank you to those who helped coordinate this event and who showed up to participate! The event raised \$246 and a box full of food items. Both the money and the food items have been delivered to Passages. Great job to all!

Popcorn machine/elementary fundraising: PTSA is bowing out of this project. At this time it would be too difficult and messy for PTSA to financially be part of this project. It would be difficult to track the finances made from this fundraiser and make sure each group receives exactly the amount of money they raised. We are letting Monica take the reigns on this project. If the teachers show interest in this fundraiser they can approach Monica. However, the PTSA group will allow the use of the popcorn machine. Monica has talked with Mr. Coenen, who approved, and are now getting specifics on the rules and regulations in purchasing the popcorn and oil. We discussed if there will be a need to buy the popcorn in bulk and who will fund this. If the need arises we will add this to

the PTSA agenda in the future and discuss it then. Monica is going to do a trial run and report back to PTSA how it went. If anyone is interested in helping with this fundraising project, or want to learn more about it, please contact Monica Kershner!

Thank you: Mr. Tarvin sent the PTSA a thank you for the funds to purchase his new classroom rug. He stated, "I have received compliments from both students, teachers and parents!" The students are appreciative to have this new rug and they are loving the new learning happening with help from this rug. He also stated, "Thanks again, and please keep up the excellent job of being invested in education!" If you haven't and have the time while in the school swing by Mr. Tarvin's classroom and check out the rug! The football team and boosters did not send a thank you but thanked Pam for the PTSA donating plates, napkins, and utensils for their dinner.

New Business

Spirit fundraiser: The order forms are now online and up and running! You can also pick up paper order forms at the school, there are 100 of these. Deanna is going to check with Robin about added this on the school website. As for delivery, the delivery dates are set at: first delivery- December 9 and second delivery- December 16. Please note that the delivery events are going to happen at the school. Deanna will be bringing all ordered items to school on the noted nights and whoever ordered items will be able to pick them up at the school. We will not be sending orders home with children this year. Again the delivery dates for ordered Bulldog items are: **December 9th and December 16th at Ithaca High School!** If you choose to have items delivered to your home this is an option but there will be a shipping and handling fee. The above dates are shipping and handling free.

Christmas treats for staff: We voted yes, we are going to do Christmas treats for staff again. Monica mentioned instead of putting this on the PTSA officer's we should e-mail everyone on the PTSA list and see if anyone else is willing to donate items. Vicki is going to be in charge of sending out e-mails and keeping track of who is donating what. Susan is going to pick up Christmas candy to mix in with the baked items. Anyone who donates baked goods please try to make homemade items that are PEANUT FREE! If you can drop these items off by 5:00 pm on December 9th Deanna will put them together and set them up in the teacher's break room. If you cannot make this time please drop them off in the teacher's break room on December 10th before school. Thank you to everyone willing to donate!

Other: Pam has two updates. One, she has moved out of the middle school. All school supplies are now at her home. She has two bins of notebooks and folders. If anyone needs these items for students please let her know and she will bring them to school. Deanna also has two bins of backpacks; if anyone knows of someone needing one please contact her. You can also contact Mrs. Wallace and she will get ahold of Pam or Deanna. Pam is going to send out e-mail reminders every 4 ½ weeks about school supplies she still has. Pam also mentioned that the football team and boosters wanted to thank us for our donation of the plates, napkins, and utensils for their dinner.

Jill mentioned there is a new Spanish teacher. Jill is going to make up a gift basket and deliver it. Thank you Jill!

Jill has submitted the box tops and milk caps. The box tops brought in \$304 and the milk caps brought in \$255.05.

Lastly, there was discussion of whether a December PTSA meeting is needed or if it will be okay to wait until January. Those at the meeting felt waiting until January for the next meeting will be okay.

The next meeting will be **Monday January 18, 2016 @5:00 PM in the commons.**

Please note this will be a shorter meeting as there is a girls' basketball game that night, starting at 6PM. We will see you in 2016!