

PTSA Meeting Minutes April 20, 2016

Present: Deanna Louis, Susan Bloczynski, Kara Steinmetz, Jill Plonka, Pam Moser.
Student guests Audrey Newkirk and Ryan Miller.

The meeting was called to order by President Deanna Louis.

We had 2 student presenters that we listened to immediately as they had to go back to track practice. Audrey and Ryan asked the PTSA for a donation towards the Middle School's "Caps for Causes" campaign. They listed the many organizations, groups and individuals the drive has benefitted over the years. They requested \$50. After they finished and went back to track practice, it was decided by the members present to double their request (\$100) as this is a very good cause.

Treasurer's Report: Current balance is \$1698.80. Deanna gave Susan a check for \$782 from the Winter Spiritwear sales. Jill gave Susan a check from Milk Moola for \$115.30.

Fundraising: Jill mentioned the Schoolstore.com fundraiser was well underway with around 80 students choosing to participate. She will check the online balance and see how it is going later this week. The final boxtops and labels pick up will be April 29 and Jill will tally and have the winning class calculated by the end of the first week of May.

Other fundraising: Deanna talked to RR1 about the popcorn sale. It is around 50% profit for us but we will have to do the hauling and sorting. Deanna anticipates her husband may be able to acquire a trailer to haul the items from Livingston and, when the time comes, we will see if we can use the community gym to sort. It was decided to run this fundraiser after the Ithaca fair in October so delivery is right before deer hunting season. We will need a tax exempt number and Deanna is going to contact Lisa in the office to see if we can use the school's tax exempt number.

Ithaca Foundation Report: None.

Old Business

A thank you card was received from the Newkirk family.

Thank you to Susan Bloczynski and Melissa Sprecher for doing the Science Fair snacks!!

Yearbooks are still being sold with a deadline to get your orders in by April 27. 45 have been sold already. Susan will deliver yearbooks to teachers to hand out to students on May 27.

Spring spirit wear Fundraiser is underway. Orders are to be in by May 3 for pick up on May 18 at the school.

Art show water – we decided not to do this as we did not want to infringe on the vending machine sales of the FBLA. Also because the band concert is immediately after, there was the chance of kids “crunching” the water bottles and creating distractions during the concert.

4K “goodie” bags – Mrs. Penfield did not ask for more so enough were made. Jill will ask if she needs any more for possible incoming students that come in to the district on the school choice program.

Semester Star – Jill will email all teachers and staff to remind them to get in their Semester Star nominations by May 13.

New Business

Scholarship: We had many excellent applications for the first PTSA scholarship. After deliberation, a very worthy recipient was selected. Jill will make a certificate for the student and Pam will award it at the Scholarship Banquet on May 20 along with the Semester Star recipients.

May 2-6 is teacher/staff appreciation week. Deanna has been planning the Wednesday morning breakfast (May 4). The NHS will help with this and Pam offered to help as well. Deanna will make sure an invitation is sent out to all staff. We will get gift cards for 2nd shift employees as well. Deanna mentioned door prizes for those at the breakfast and Jill will get an inventory of what we have for spirit items/t-shirts and get to Deanna.

Pam asked Jill if the new Elementary Spec. Ed. teacher Ms. Alt who started in January had received her “Welcome to Ithaca” gift basket yet. Jill said she had forgotten but would remedy the situation immediately.

Only one staff member will be retiring this year – Mrs. O’Brien. We will get a card and giftcard for her closer to the end of the schoolyear.

The next meeting will be Monday, May 16 at 5 pm in the commons. We will have elections for the two-year terms of Vice President, Secretary, and Fundraising Coordinator. We hope to see you there!