

## PTSA Meeting Minutes September 19, 2016

Present: Susan Bloczynski, Jill Plonka, Deanna Louis, Vicki Meyer, Pam Moser, Monica Kershner, Megan Neprude, Kara Steinmetz, Erica Steinmetz, Val Jacobson, and Angie Young

The meeting was called to order by President Deanna Louis.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the last meeting were motioned to be approved by Jill, second by Monica, approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** There is \$2,718.90 in the account post yearbook sales. There was a \$140 school store deposit and a \$63 bill for the shopping news.

**Ithaca Foundation Report/School Store/Fundraising Updates:** The Ithaca Foundation met on September 18, 2016. They are going to borrow a copy of our fund request sheets as an example to come up with their own.

The Ithaca Foundation has ordered two Buddy Benches. These are benches in which children who need someone to play with sit on the bench and this allows other kids to come over and include them in playing.

The Foundation made \$1000 donation to the Chromebook project.

Jill talked about the playground improvement committee, being headed up by Mr. Mani. The committee is looking for funds to help with this project. The first big task is to remodel the upper playground.

The Foundation is looking for nominations for the Ithaca Hall of Fame and the Community Service award.

The Foundation's next meeting is in November.

The school store brought in a total of around \$800. The last deposit was for \$140. This will begin again in January. You can check out the school store and what places you can order from at [schoolstore.com/merchants](http://schoolstore.com/merchants).

The Kwik Trip caps are still being collected. Jill had emailed Kwik Trip about when this fundraiser will stop and is still waiting on a response. As of now the milk caps are still out in Kwik Trip stores. So, keep on collecting and turning them in along with Tyson and box tops.

## **Old Business**

Spiritwear sale: The Spring sale didn't go as well. We were wondering if people received the notification that this was going on. We will be discussing this at the next meeting.

Chrome for kids: Our involvement in this event changed. However, it was a successful event! Great job to all those involved in this event!

Other: There is none.

Thank you notes: We received seven thank you notes. Matt Mezera sent one thanking us for the welcome package he received. The Ithaca Middle School Representatives sent one thanking us for the \$100 donation to Caps for Causes. The Ithaca Staff sent one thanking us for the breakfast we provided during Teacher Appreciation Week. Kari and Emmalyn sent one thanking us for the Bulldog bib and onesie. The last three thank you's were sent from Nolen Clary, Kyle Louis, and Kathy O'Brien.

## **New Business**

Homecoming t-shirts/spiritwear items: We are going to have tables with spiritwear merchandise available at homecoming on Friday evening and Saturday. There will be 3 bleacher seats available for purchase at the table. We will have new beads, magnets, and static clings available for purchase. We need people to sign up to work shifts at the merchandise table.

Annette Louis, items for Little Britches: Annette is going to make up 12 bags for the Little Britches show on Saturday. The Little Britches is for kids 8 and under to show animals. If people want to register they contact Annette Louis. Deanna will get the t-shirt certificates for Little Britches to Annette.

Rural Route 1 Popcorn: The elementary teachers have been in charge of this fundraiser in the past. It was quite a time commitment for them but it was a successful fundraiser. Everyone from 4K-12 will participate in this fundraiser; the PTSA will then allocate the money as needed, where needed. We are going to hand out order forms to the elementary students, the older students can pick up order form or order online. We will also have an order form available at the PTSA spiritwear merchandise table. We discussed the idea of prizes for the top sellers. Possible delivery date will be November 10<sup>th</sup>. We will discuss this in more detail at the October meeting.

Raising a thinking child: This is a program coordinator by Chelsea Wunnicke from the UW-Extension office. It is an 8 week program offered to parents of elementary aged children. It would take place on Mondays (10/17, 10/24, 11/7, 11/14, 11/21, 11/28, 12/5,

12/12) from 6p.m.-7:30p.m. We would be able to provide the refreshments/snacks for this event and could possibly supply daycare if needed.

Other:

The Haunted Forest is not taking place this year so PTSA does not need to worry about this event.

Friday popcorn sales. These take place on Fridays during the school year, about once a month. So far five dates have been claimed by teachers, beginning this Friday September 23, 2016. The popcorn is sold to students at \$0.50 a bag. The cost is around \$460 a year for popcorn and bags. We are discussing the idea of PTSA funding this event. We will table this for the October meeting.

For the October meeting we will also need to discuss a cap amount we are willing to donate for the playground revamping. Phase 1 of this project is the upper playground. The idea is to provide a renovated, updated playground which will occur in phases.

Fund Requests: Mr. Mani requested funds for jumping toys. These are toys that are in the 4K playground and are part of the Ithaca playground improvement. The total cost of these jumping toys is \$232.71. This fund request was approved.

The next meeting will be **Monday October 17, 2016 @5:30 PM in the commons**. We hope to see you there!