

Ithaca PTSO Meeting Minutes March 21, 2018

Present: Susan Bloczynski, Jodi Abarca, Crystal Peer, Samantha Hilby, Pam Moser, Jill Pinkstaff, Joy Walker, Jill Plonka

The meeting was called to order by President Susan Bloczynski.

Treasurer's report: Our current balance is \$7352.24.

Fundraising Coordinator's Report: Boxtops/Milk caps collection: Sent in \$187.60 for boxtops.

Volunteer Coordinator's Report: None

Yearbook Coordinator's Report: Susan said the Elementary and MS yearbooks are on schedule and order forms will be going home with Elementary students this week. Please return the order form with money by April 13. Cost is \$15. Yearbook pages are all color. Susan said she has talked to 3-4 parents about taking over the Elementary yearbook for next year – she will work with them for a year and then hand it completely off to them.

Old Business:

Raising a Thinking Child Series: Jill offered to line up families to volunteer to sponsor meals so the PTSO didn't have to pay for all the meals. We currently have 3 of the 6 evenings covered. If families would like to sponsor a meal for a night for the families participating in the class, please contact Jill Plonka – 986-2921, japlanka@hotmail.com or via Facebook. More than one family could sponsor a night. The number of people coming to the meal would likely be less than 30 – Jill will know the number of people by April 9. If a family wanted to drop off a crock pot, roaster, or food item that needed refrigerated in the morning when they drop off their children at school, Jill and Ms. Sprecher would make sure it was taken care of and put out at supper time. Jill will put it out on the Facebook page and also send notes home with Elementary students reminding families to sign up for the workshop letting them know that free meals and babysitting will be provided. Jill will contact Mrs. Wontor and see if NHS students would like to sign up as sitters. Mrs. Peer offered to talk to her MS student council to see if they are available should the NHS be unavailable to help. HS students who help with babysitting will earn PTSO volunteer hours which may be used towards scholarship eligibility. Parents can sign up for the class by filling out a registration form and sending to or dropping off at the extension office or by registering online at <https://goo.gl/fJo6mT> by April 6.

Reminder for Lit Wars Volunteers: The school is hosting a Lit Wars competition on Thursday, April 26. Jill said they will need about 3-4 volunteers to help with setting up at the community gym and getting lunch ready for approx. 100 students and teachers. We will need the helpers to serve lunch and help with setting up all the tables and chairs for the participants and then cleaning up after the awards presentation. Working time would be from about 9:30-2 with clean up.

New Business:

Spring fundraising ideas: As more and more requests are coming to the PTSO, we thought maybe we would like to do a spring fundraiser as long as it doesn't interfere with others going on in the school. Some ideas brought up were: Magazine sales, charcoal drawing night, Spring Fling, Bingo night with silent auction/Chinese raffle, or to sponsor a rummage sale in the community gym in the spring (next year).

Funds requests:

The MS Student Council advisors asked for \$100 towards t-shirts for the anti-bullying campaign and awareness they are implementing with the entire school. Several other businesses and groups are also contributing to this program. Approved.

The HS Special Education department requested 3 SAD (Seasonal Affective Disorder) lights for that room for \$150. Approved.

Ms. Durkin had requested more art display boards like the 2 currently in the commons at the beginning of the year. It was decided to give her a stipend of \$750 to go towards the boards. The PTSO would reimburse the school for boards purchased.

The next PTSO meeting will be **Wednesday, April 18 at 3:30 PM in the Library**. Hope to see you there!