

## PTSA Meeting Minutes October 21, 2013

Present: Deanna Louis, Kari Honer, Pam Moser, Gia Maestri, Jill Plonka

The meeting was called to order by President Deanna Louis.

The secretary's report was approved as written.

Treasurer's report: Current balance is \$3577.61. However, Deanna had a large deposit from the vending machine that she gave to Kari worth \$1147.00. Jill had \$40 for Kari to deposit from spirit item sales.

### Old Business:

A couple more backpacks and a few more supplies came in from the Tools for School supply drive.

Sandboxes – Jill put 15 bags of sand (which Menard's in Baraboo sold to her at cost) in the sandbox under the tower a couple weeks ago but most of it is "dispersed". Depending on the construction situation next spring, we may refill it then.

Mrs. Schmitz and Mrs. Clary are working on scheduling a Family Fun Reading Night that the PTSA will sponsor.

We made \$300 at the Ithaca Fair selling spirit items and another \$40 selling at the last home football game. It will be noted that next year we would like to have Ithaca Bulldog t-shirts to sell as there were many requests for them. We will sell again at some home basketball games in December. We'll focus on seat cushions which are \$7, magnets for \$3, window clings for \$1 and Ithacaopoly games which we will reduce to \$10 as we still have around 5 cases left (over 100 games).

Hynek Printing will once again be printing the Elementary Yearbook with Carolyn Miller as our graphic designer. We will acquire from Hynek's a standardized sheet of paper for the cover contest that meets their specifications. At next month's meeting we will come up with a theme or if anyone has any cover theme ideas they can email them to any of the officers. Faculty, staff and parents are encouraged to email pictures for the yearbook to Deanna. Her email is: Deanna\_louis@yahoo.com

Mrs. Walker still has old elementary yearbooks for sale for \$5.

Boxtops/labels/milk caps first pickup of the year is tomorrow, October 22.

We will plan on going forward with the high school "Semester Star" program as Mrs. Crook said there was a lot of positive feedback from the HS faculty on it. We will aim to honor one student from each grade (9-12) per semester for a total of 8 students a year. Kari had put together a Bulldog P.R.I.D.E list of core values that we'd like to see the students strive for. Kari will get a copy of this to Mrs. Crook and we will review it more closely at the next meeting in November.

Gift card prices for Mrs. Crook's PANTS program and Mrs. Moser's Middle School rewards program have been obtained by Deanna. Businesses offering free and/or reduced gift cards include Pizza Hut, Culvers, Dairy Queen and Subway (Kari can get reduced Subway cards through her work). Deanna said she could also provide food items for Mrs. Moser's MS rewards program from the vending supplies and she will keep track of these items.

## **New Business:**

Mrs. Gabrielse would like 3 playground balls for her Kindergarten class. She said they disappeared sometime during the summer and other teachers have had similar comments. If anyone has any idea where the balls might be stored, they can contact a faculty member or a PTSA member. Deanna said she would look into obtaining new ones in the meantime.

Jill passed out a rough draft of some bylaws for everyone to look at and to change/add items they thought should be in them. We will discuss changes at the next meeting in November.

Mrs. Moser reported that the Middle School student leadership representatives were planning an antibullying program. It had been mentioned to hire a professional antibullying speaker either for this school year or next but we tabled the idea until next semester.

Deanna has been doing extensive research on the yearly spiritwear sale. One option is to approach this as a true fundraiser with the company we order through doing most of the work and the PTSA as facilitator. She found a company called WinWin who will basically do all the work for us and all we have to do is hand out and collect order forms and hand out apparel when it arrives. Ordering online would be an option with this company. Deanna will send out more information via email and we would like to have order forms out in November so the arrival date of the apparel would be before Christmas.

The next meeting is Monday, November 18, 2013 at 6 pm in the Commons.