

PTSA Meeting Minutes April 21, 2014

Present: Deanna Louis, Kari Honer, Pam Moser, Tezra Menne, 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 \$5420.83

Old Business:

Thank you: Mrs. Manning for the new microwave in the commons; Mrs. Gabrielse for the playground toys.

501(c)3 status: Jill will email the latest version of the Ithaca By-Laws to Kari so she can submit them for the tax exempt application.

Vending Machine: Deanna said the machine has still been working nearly perfectly. Deanna has started swapping out snacks for those comply with USDA guidelines. There is a sign on the vending machine that states this.

Semester Star program: We had 8 excellent submissions and so all 8 students will be receiving a certificate and a \$25 check from the PTSA at the awards program on May 16. Mrs. Moser will present the awards and Jill will print them off. Kari will get the checks to Mrs. Moser in time for the program. We will get a picture of the recipients after the awards program.

Elementary science fair: We donated snacks – capri suns and animal cracker packs. Jill mentioned that since the science fair participants' little (and big) brothers and sisters were also in attendance (and starving) that we should get an extra 30 snacks next year so those kids can have a snack as well. Also do this for the MS science fair. Anything not used could go into the vending machine.

Mrs. Ziemke has taken all the pictures off the school camera and has them separated by grade. Deanna purchased a flash drive so Mrs. Ziemke could copy the photos to the drive and Deanna will give them to our yearbook designer.

Just a reminder that the last pick-up for boxtops etc. is April 30. Tezra will remind the teachers via email of the pick-up date.

We selected the winners of the Elementary Yearbook cover contest. Alana Nelson, a third grader in Mrs. Wobschall's class, was the 1st place winner and will have the honor of her design gracing the cover of the yearbook and will receive a free yearbook. Other runner-ups included: 2nd place Brogan Ludtke from Mr. Meixelsperger's fifth grade class, 3rd place was Natasha Mueller from Mrs. Wobschall's third grade class, 4th place was Mady Roh from Mr. Meixelsperger's fifth grade class, and 5th place was Benji Clary from Mrs. Schoen's fourth grade class. Thank you to Ms. Durkin for allowing the students to work on this in her class and to everyone who participated.

We have orders for 78 elementary yearbooks but will order 100 so there will be a few extra for anyone who decides they would like one but didn't order one yet.

Next year for the elementary yearbook cover contest we decided to have the art paper folded so the design is the whole cover and not just on the cover. This will give the kids more time to complete their designs.

New Business:

Playground equipment/games: Since the playground has been reduced greatly in size due to the construction, the PTSA purchased several games/toys – ring toss, bean bag toss, sidewalk chalk, jump ropes, frisbees and playground balls – for the students. Mrs. Manning and Ms. Barto are storing them in the storage room in the 4K classroom. **If anyone has any other games they'd like to donate to the school, please drop them off in the 4K room.**

Mrs. Walker has requested 18 more bags of beads for the bean bag chairs in the library. Jill will find out more information on how often she will need these refilled and how much will be needed each time. Issue tabled until the May meeting.

Mrs. Ziemke is putting together a reading nook area and some of the chairs in the library need replaced. If anyone knows of an office (bank, clinic, etc.) that may be doing some remodeling and would have nice office furniture to give away, please contact her at the school.

Deanna is working on the menu for the Staff Appreciation breakfast which will be held Wednesday, May 7 before school. The NHS will be helping out. Mary Jo will send out invitations to the teachers and staff.

Jill mentioned that the FFA is looking for sponsors for trophies and rosettes for the Ithaca Fair livestock and horse shows. Cost is about \$20 per award. We decided we would sponsor and Jill will talk to Melissa Sprecher and Mr. Favreau about what they need.

The next meeting is **Monday, May 19, 2014 at 6 pm** in the Commons.