

## PTSA Meeting Minutes May 18, 2015

Present: Deanna Louis, Kari Honer, Tezra Menne, Jill Plonka

The meeting was called to order by President Deanna Louis.

The secretary's report from the April meeting was approved.

Treasurer's report: Current balance is \$1,717.81.

Fundraising report: From the latest collection we will receive \$472.50 from Boxtops for Education and \$215.85 from Kwik Trip Milk Moola. The winning grade in the elementary contest was 5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Mrs. Clary and Mr. M with 7,984. They will receive ice cream cups and Deanna will order 3 giant cookies from the Walmart bakery. Jill will contact Mrs. Clary and Mr. M. to see what day they would like these. In total we collected 31,961 boxtops, labels and caps/tops this year.

Ithaca Foundation Report – None.

### Old Business

Thank yous: From the staff for the breakfast on May 6<sup>th</sup>, From the family of Ralph Newkirk.

Thank you to Melissa Sprecher, Deanna Louis and the NHS for helping out with the staff breakfast. Also thank you to the Ithaca Foundation for donating the \$10 Kwik Trip Card for the drawing. We also gave out 2 of the 2026 Discount Cards, 2 seat cushions, 2 bottle koozies and flowers to Mrs. Palmer for graciously moving her first hour class to the library so we could use her room for the breakfast. Thank you!!!

Selling at the book sale: Mrs. Walker said that they had no old issues of the Elementary yearbook left to sell. She sold the 3 Ithacaopoly games Jill gave her and several pencils. She will continue to sell pencils until the 29<sup>th</sup> and Jill will pick up what's left.

Popcorn Machine Guidelines: This will be discussed this summer.

PTSA By-laws: We will look over and finalize this summer.

Elementary yearbook: There are still a few yearbooks left for purchase. Cost this year is still \$13. Yearbooks will be delivered on Monday, June 1. Please turn in any order forms to the PTSA mailbox in the office.

Semester Star Nominations: Recipients of this year's Semester Star awards were: Brock Huffar, Noah Kepler, Nicholas Wiedenfeld, Bethany Osborne, Kiersten Honer and Molly Jump. Congratulations! Thank you to Mrs. Moser for handing out the awards at the Awards Day program on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week & Breakfast: Was once again very well received by the staff. Evening staff received a \$10 gift card to Kwik Trip in lieu of the breakfast.

Million Minute Reading Reward: Cost of ice cream for 230 students was \$125.90 and the bounce house with slide has been rented from Dave's A-1 Saw & Mower Service & Rentals in Reedsburg for the cost of \$237.38. Dave at A-1 gave us a discount on set-up and take-down because we are a school – thank you! The bounce house will be Friday, May 22 throughout the day.

Retiring staff members: Mr. Bicknell and Arlene Louis are retiring this year. Kari purchased gift cards and cards for them and Jill will hand out. Thank you for your many years of service to our school!!!

### **New Business:**

Elections: According to the (preliminary) bylaws, the President, Treasurer and Secretary are up for election this year (odd). Deanna Louis was unanimously re-elected President. Kari Honer declined to run again for Treasurer as did Tezra Menne for Secretary. Thank you both for your service to the Ithaca PTSA! Jill Plonka will handle the Secretary duties until someone else offers to do it. We will look for another member who may want to do the Treasurer duties. In the meantime, Deanna will work with Kari to get her name on the PTSA checking account as most organizations have 2 members' names on the account.

Scholarship and sponsorship opportunities: Deanna mentioned a sponsorship program that the Horse Club currently does. If a student does work for an organization, they will monetarily sponsor them for an activity. In order to get more student activity in our PTSA we may enact a program like this. Then eventually, when we establish a scholarship in the near future, those students who have helped us out with events, attended meetings, etc. would be eligible for the scholarship.

Funds request form: Mrs. Steinmetz is looking for a donation for jump ropes for the summer school program as one of their days will be a focus on physical fitness. Jill presented the request and said they would not know for sure how many they would need until later this week. Deanna said once we find out we would discuss it further via email. Jill said she found highly rated, economical jump ropes through Oriental Trading and could get 84 of them for less than \$60.

Third microwave: The 3<sup>rd</sup> microwave for the commons will be in place by next school year.

Vending machine: Thank you to Deanna, Doug and Dana Louis for all their hard work keeping it cleaned, stocked and operating the past couple years!! We very much appreciated it! Good luck to Mrs. Jump and the FBLA as they take over the machine next school year.

Summer officer meeting: We will have a summer officer meeting to plan for Homecoming/fair, propose fundraisers, work on a budget, finalize bylaws and discuss the popcorn machine guidelines.

New meeting times: It was decided to change the meeting time of the PTSA to possibly help accommodate more people attending the meetings. We will meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday evenings at 6 pm on the odd months and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday after school during the even months. Meetings typically last 45 minutes and we may provide sitting services if requested.

**The next meeting will be Monday, September 21 at 6 pm in the Commons. Thank you all for your support of the Ithaca PTSA!**