

PTSA Meeting Minutes September 16, 2013

Present: Deanna Louis, Tezra Menne, Kari Honer, Pam Moser, 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 \$4389.13.

Thank you notes were received from Mrs. Walker for the bean bag fill for the library, the Laue family for the donation to the Rudy Laue memorial scholarship fund, and from the school for the school supply drive.

Old Business:

The Tools for School supply drive was a great success! Most supplies are being stored in Mrs. Moser's storage closet and the rest are being stored by Deanna Louis and Mrs. Moser at their homes. **A big thank you to our very generous community for so many donations!**

Kari Honer presented Mrs. Moser with Subway gift cards for her Middle School Rewards program. We also requested that Mrs. Moser get a group picture of the rewarded students each quarter to put in the Richland Observer and on the school website.

Sandboxes – it was decided that with the new construction that may start in the spring that we would not bring in the turtle sandboxes. Jill Plonka said she had 3 extra bags of sand at her place that she could dump into the sand area under the tower. She also said she'd see if Menard's or Walmart had any sand left that they might sell at a discounted price.

The Ithaca PTSA has a facebook site now. Only officers have access to post information. "Like" us to receive PTSA updates and information.

Jill has worked with Robin Ziemke the new webmaster to update information on the PTSA link on the school's website. Will continue to update throughout the year.

New Business:

Mrs. Crook asked if the PTSA would sponsor her PANTS program for her middle school students and also a team building program for her freshmen. She requested five gift cards for the middle school and ten for the freshmen. The request was approved and Deanna is contacting Culvers, Dairy Queen and Pizza Hut for discounts on gift cards. Kari can get \$5 Subway cards for \$4.50 and has ordered a supply of those for the rewards programs.

Class of 2026 family fun nights – Jill Plonka had requested \$50 last winter for the Class of 2026 family fun nights. She withdrew her request due to the fact that the class does their own fundraising and raised a substantial amount to fund the fun nights on their own. However, the PTSA will keep in mind that the new 4K class/Ms. Barto may request money for Family Fun Nights.

Jill contacted Mrs. Schmitz about the PTSA sponsoring a Family Reading Night as she said she only had funds to do one a year. She emailed Jill and said the cost of these is around \$400. The PTSA

decided to sponsor one of these and Jill will notify Mrs. Schmitz. The PTSA will fund the Family Reading Night while Mrs. Schmitz would organize it as she knows best how to do it.

A High School student recognition program similar to the Middle School Rewards program was discussed. Deanna will discuss this with Mrs. Crook the NHS advisor and Mr. Favreau the Student Council advisor to see if any of the high school teachers would support such a program. Tezra Menne said she would get some guidelines from her work that we could use to create criteria for nominating a student of the quarter. If teachers like the idea, the program would likely go into effect for the 3rd and 4th quarters.

Elementary Yearbook – We are planning on doing again this year with Hynek Printing. Deanna found it was much easier if each teacher submitted pictures of their class (ones they have taken of students doing projects, on field trips or during activities) via email directly to Deanna throughout the school year.

The vending machine has been unknowingly out of order for a week. Jill will check the vending machine every day when she drops her girls off at school to make sure it is working and not giving an error code. The vending machine is back up and running.

Homecoming/Ithaca Fair Fundraising

Kari and Deanna have some old elementary yearbooks from past years. We will ask Mrs. Walker if she would sell them during the fair for \$5 each.

We are going to do face painting and bulldog purple paw temporary tattoos at a booth for free will offering. Deanna will order a dozen sheets of regular and glitter bulldog purple paw temp. tattoos.

Items that we will sell that Deanna will order: Window clings, magnetic signs, cowbells, seat cushions and purple paw bead necklaces. Prices to be determined. We will also sell Ithacaopoly games for \$20 and bottle cozies for \$3. We are not positive if we will get the seat cushions in time to sell at Homecoming - if not we can sell them at the remaining home football and basketball games.

Jill will talk to Mr. Favreau about booth space in the gym.

We will be asking members to take shifts selling these items. Jill and Tezra will set up and work the booth from 9 am to 10:30 (when the parade starts). We will close for the parade and then we will need 1 – 2 people (per shift) to take a shift from 11 to 12 pm and from 12 to 1 pm when we will close the booth in the gym for the football game. If we get the seat cushions in time we will set up a table at the football field and sell seat cushions there as well and would need 1 - 2 people (per shift) to do a shift from 1 pm to 2 pm and 2 pm through halftime to the beginning of the 3rd quarter. We know many parents of high school/middle school kids will be working the band and choir food stands so we are hoping parents who have only elementary school aged kids will be willing to work our booths.

If you would like to volunteer to work in the PTSA booth(s), please contact Jill Plonka at japlonka@hotmail.com or at 986-2921 to schedule a time. If you wish to work at the football game selling seat cushions, we will let you know Friday, October 4th if they are in and if you need to work.

The next meeting is Monday, October 21, 2013 at 6 pm in the Commons.