

Ithaca PTSO Meeting Minutes October 18, 2017

Present: Rita Kleinsasser, Kara Steinmetz, Joy Walker, Jill Pinkstaff, Jenna Alt, Mike Mani, Shelly Pluemer, Kathleen Schoen, Jodi Abarca, Sativa Self, Kim Jongquist, Susan Bloczynski, Pam Moser, Monica, Haley, and Mallory Kershner, Jill Plonka

Special Election: Joy W. nominated Melissa Sprecher for the position of Volunteer Coordinator. Jodi A. seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous – congratulations Melissa! Her job will entail recruiting volunteers for the PTSO and keeping a portfolio of student volunteer hours for the PTSO scholarship.

Treasurer's report: Kim said she had deposited quite a few of the RR1 checks – we have a limit per month or we get charged a fee so she deposited the largest ones and will deposit the rest in November. She had also deposited all the cash from the RR1 sale as well.

Funds requests:

Mr. Mani requested the PTSO pick up \$3 per child grades K-5 for the roller skating unit to ease the burden on families esp. those with several children. This would make it so each child would only have to pay \$5 for the 2 week roller skating unit. Request approved for approximately \$600.

The first grade teachers, Mrs. Owen and Mrs. Richards, adopted a classroom in Texas that was hit by hurricane Harvey. The 1st grade students and their families collected supplies for the class. Shipping for these items will be around \$200 for 5 large boxes. Mrs. Richards talked to Jill Plonka and they will do 2 popcorn sales (which should profit around \$200) for the PTSO and we will provide funds for postage ASAP – like a loan. Request approved.

Mrs. Pluemer requested half of \$2700 for a guidance program to be used with all students grades K-5. She wasn't given a budget at the beginning of the year to purchase any guidance related items. Request approved.

Mrs. Weitzel requested \$220 for her daughter to go to Washington DC for a dance competition (outside the scope of the school). The request was denied as it was for one child and not a majority of students which is what the PTSO is moving towards. It was also argued that if we gave one child \$220 we better be prepared to give all 450 students \$220, which we simply cannot afford to do. However, if Mrs. Weitzel wanted some help with a fundraiser, we would try to donate either a silent auction basket or recruit volunteers if needed.

Bylaws Discussion – The bylaws were discussed and changes recommended. Jill Plonka will make the changes and have Mrs. Ziemke post on the school website for review. We will vote to approve them at the November meeting.

Rotary Lights – It was decided to do this again this year – cost \$100 - but to do it differently than last year. We will decide at the November meeting who will do the decorations/decorating. It was discussed to have a Family night to make decorations for the tree or to just ask one class to do it instead of all of them.

Teacher Treats - It was decided to do teacher treats again throughout the year and the supper for the teachers for Parent Teacher conference days – we provide one night and administration the other night. Melissa is the head of this committee.

Square charge account at fair: Kim was in charge of this and she said that \$63 worth of merchandise was charged. The 3% fee was not disputed. The only problem was that the internet

reception was a little spotty. Kim also recommended that we keep the spiritwear booth open until 2 or 2:30 if possible. Also, to have more 2X and 3X shirts.

Ithaca Fair 2017 Report: Bounce house went well. Took in \$155 – cost \$225 plus damage waiver of 10%. Did not need to purchase extra insurance. Let all kids bounce at once when numbers were low. When we got a lot of kids divided them into little and big and timed them at 3 minutes. No one got injured to my knowledge – didn't even have any criers! Great comments from parents and grandparents. \$1 price was good – no one complained. Sno cones/cotton candy: Took in \$112. Each machine cost \$50 plus cost of ice which was about \$25 and bottles of syrup were \$15 x3 (with pumper) and cartons of sugar were \$10x2. Blue went well – used a whole gallon. Red – used half gallon, Orange used 1/3 gallon. # of bags of ice we used: 3 Cups – 100 that Kaitlyn got from McD plus some Styrofoam ones. TS provided scoop straws. Horse club made \$14.50, FBLA – \$36, and MS – \$165. Jill Plonka also made a list of possible changes to next year's PTSO Fair/Homecoming activities. She will work with groups again next year to coordinate this.

Fundraising Coordinator's Report:

Brett Iverson Aug./Sept. Online sales: Not a lot of orders – 15 or so. Don't know what the profit for us was yet. Looking forward to November online sale. Jill Plonka talked to Brett about selling Nov. 6-17 for delivery Dec. 13 and will talk to him about it next Tues. the 24th.

Spirit sales in gym on Homecoming: Jill Plonka hadn't had a chance to count remaining t-shirts, etc. She reported that what she hauled back home Saturday afternoon was A LOT lighter than what was hauled in!

Rural Route 1 sales: Sold 244 cases of popcorn – purchased 254 cases as we have to buy whole cases and a couple extra cases of popular flavors for unplanned sales were purchased – people often want more. We should profit in the neighborhood of \$7000 as 20 cases of the "All-In-Ones" for Friday and MS/HS Popcorn sales were ordered as well.

Need helpers for unloading and sorting on Friday, November 3rd after school in the MP room. Jill Plonka has 4 parents lined up so far. She will put out a call for helpers in an email and in the announcements and on Facebook and ask Mrs. Schoen to put it in her weekly newsletter. Spread the word! The more helpers we have the less time it'll take.

RR1 Order pick up – Sat. Nov. 4 from 8 am to noon in MP room– could use 2 helpers.

Boxtops/Milk caps collection: Jill Plonka will be picking up Boxtops etc. this Friday and into next week to get them sent out by Oct. 31. We have \$518.50 coming from boxtops from last spring on top of whatever we collect this fall. They only cut checks in Jan. and May. (Nov. 1 and March 1 are submission deadlines). Add to the first milk caps collection and we could be looking at a potential \$1000 coming in by the end of the first semester. Last year we made **\$823.60** (only received \$305.10 of that though) in boxtops and **\$569.85** in KT Milk Moola.

Other:

Thank you notes: Middle School Student Council for donation to get their treasury up and running.

The next PTSO meeting will be **Wednesday, November 22 at 3:30 PM in the Library**. Note the change of date to the 4th Wednesday instead of the 3rd due to a conflict. All other meetings will be held the 3rd Wednesday. We will be discussing December activities including the gingerbread house building contest, Holiday shop, and silent auction. There will be no meeting in December.