

PTO Meeting September 11th, 2018

Attendees: President: Karissa Wendt, VP: Michelle Carr and Alyssa Givens, Secretary: Dawn Marie Dean, Treasurer: Julie Shreck, Karen Strandt-Conroy, Amber Bennett, Mary Paul, Jacki Luttig, Chelsie Davis, Briana McCarthy

The meeting was called to order by Karissa at 6:05 pm.

August's Meeting Minutes were read by Dawn Marie. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Karissa and seconded by Karen.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Julie. Dawn Marie motioned to approve the report, Karissa seconded.

The budget for the 2018-2019 school year was read through by Julie and suggestions were made for saving money and bringing in more funds.

☛ Class Magazines

- ☛ Options such as a digital version for in class use for the older students instead of a printed version to take home for all grade levels.
- ☛ Possibility of reducing the PTO's contribution towards the cost of the magazines since they have not been ordered yet

☛ Christmas Store

- ☛ It was suggested that we have Christmas shopping for students as in past years. A motion was made to table further discussion until the next meeting by Karissa and seconded by Briana

With the exception of the need for an entry for the May 10th family event, Dawn Marie motioned to approve the budget and Briana seconded. None were opposed

Committee Updates

Trunk or Treat by Alyssa

- ☛ The event will be held October 26th from 5pm until 8pm, chaired by Alyssa.
- ☛ There will be two photo booths at the event, one scary and the other one appropriate for younger students.
- ☛ A 50/50 raffle will be held if the PTO raffle license comes through in time.

- ☛ There is a pumpkin carving contest planned. Families would carve their pumpkins at home and pay a very small fee to enter. This was meant to be part of last year's event, but required more advertisement.
- ☛ There may be a fun haunted house, but it was suggested that the bus decorated by the teachers last year may serve that purpose if they do it again.
- ☛ Hot dogs will be donated by Viking Youth Baseball thanks to Carrie Nath. Will be seeking other food donations such as hot dog buns and cookies
- ☛ While still looking for more sponsors, the following companies are already sponsoring the event:
 - ☛ Footville Heating and Cooling
 - ☛ A & H
 - ☛ Footville Friendly Cafe
 - ☛ Farmers and Merchants Bank
- ☛ There will once again be a DJ, but after looking into other options, a DJ that will play at the event for free may have been found!

Box Tops by Julie

- ☛ This year's Box Tops sheets will have spaces for 25 Box Tops instead of 10.
 - ☛ Dimes may be taped into spaces instead of Box Tops.
- ☛ The class turning in the most Box Tops during the first quarter will win an apple cider donut party.
- ☛ The first Box Tops sheets will be given to teachers to send home on Friday (September 14th).
- ☛ The grand prize for Box Tops will go to the family turning in the most Box Tops (dimes and other cash not included) and will be 6 tickets to Mount Olympus.
 - ☛ Questions were asked about family size. The winning family will receive 6 tickets no matter how large or small the family and then the winning family can decide to either purchase extra tickets, bring a friend, or perhaps even use the tickets for their child's birthday party.

- ☛ There will be plenty of online advertisement again this year.
- ☛ There may an opportunity for students to earn PTO “currency” to buy prizes. Everyone is encouraged to bring their ideas about this to the next meeting.

Yearbook by Amber

- ☛ The advertising for this year’s books has already been ordered.
- ☛ Attendance at PES is up this year.
- ☛ The price per yearbook ordered from the company has decreased slightly this year, so there will be a discussion as to whether or not the cost of yearbooks for families will go down since that would result in a decrease in profit from yearbook sales.
- ☛ There is a DropBox link already available for anyone to contribute photos to for usage consideration

New Business

Fundraisers

- ☛ To make better use of Scrip as a fundraising tool, other fundraising must be done first. A couple of the most popular companies require extremely large amounts to purchased at a time.
- ☛ Bucky Books
 - ☛ Coupon books full of coupons for items people would normally buy
 - ☛ The price per book is \$35 and the PTO will receive \$15 of that
 - ☛ The PTO will only need to pay for the books that actually sell, not for any surplus, and not until after we are done selling
 - ☛ Dawn Marie motioned to move forward with the fundraiser, Alyssa seconded, none opposed

- ✎ Fundraising with Yankee Candles was looked into and the PTO will not be proceeding with their program

Homecoming

- ✎ We will be using the trailer from Dan Klassy at Burtness w/o decor
- ✎ Students will need to arrive by 3:30 if they want to ride and throw candy
- ✎ Candy will be obtained through donations, but students do not need to bring candy to be allowed to ride.
- ✎ There will be three fun days during the week leading up to homecoming

Do PTO Events Need to Raise Money (or break even)?

- ✎ It was agreed that bringing in funds should be the goal of PTO events, but that there wouldn't be a set dollar amount.
- ✎ There needs to be a cap on expenses for events going forward.
- ✎ The PTO closet needs to be checked for decorations before purchasing new ones or asking for donations

Volunteer Forms

- ✎ All forms that have been filled out have been scanned into the PTO Google Drive and will be made available to committee chairs as needed.
- ✎ The form will be posted to ClassDojo for those who weren't able to attend Back to School Night.
- ✎ There is no longer a two hour commitment listed on the form. Any amount of help is greatly appreciated!

Cheese Fundraiser

- 🍃 Mary will be creating the forms. There is no set date for when the forms will be sent home yet.

Smencils

- 🍃 Mystery Smencils

- 🍃 The question was raised as to whether or not we should hold our own mini-challenge.

- 🍃 There is a sheet for the official challenge

- 🍃 More Halloween smencils are needed

Other Business

- 🍃 The PTO will not be hosting babysitting activities on half days

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm was made by Dawn Marie and seconded by Julie.