

PTO Meeting Minutes
April 11th, 2023 7:00 pm

Welcome

In Attendance: Tabitha Spahr, Rachael Gibbon, Rachel Trout, Kim Smith, Jennie Harrison, Allison Symmes, Ted Wells, Tim Funk, Suzanne Spokus, Maria Kretz, and Mirian Martinez.

Approved minutes from March 7th

Treasurer Report (Maria Kretz)

The balance as of last meeting was \$6,686.89. Deposits were made for a total of \$25,551.42 from Math Madness, Spring fundraiser, Hoss's, and Hersheypark ticket orders. Withdrawals were made for a total of \$17,741.11 for the pies & popcorn for Math Madness, RIF, teacher stipends, Stoney Point jerky, Taylor's Greenhouse, and Hersheypark. The balance as of today's meeting is \$14,497.20. It was noted that the amount raised from Math Madness was adjusted by \$10 due to a counterfeit bill that was found. Items coming up to be paid: bussing for field trips, balance of inflatables for May Fair, and Teacher Appreciation Week.

Mr. Wells Report

Mr. Wells reported that Math Madness was very successful and the month of March was very active with excitement for the event. There is a lot coming up in the last 6 weeks of school; PSSAs, field trips, and May Fair.

New Business (Allison Symmes)

Hersheypark ticket order: The order has been submitted to Hershey and should be delivered around the middle of April. We sold 239 admittance tickets, 51 meal tickets, and 31 parking tickets. This was our smallest order since we started offering it. Extra admittance tickets were ordered, which gives us 32 tickets to sell at \$45 each.

Tara Zimmerman, the district's family navigator, has coordinated family engagement nights for each elementary school at the local public library. James Gettys is scheduled for April 19th at 6 pm.

Committees

Fall Fundraiser (Jennie Harrison)

No Update

RIF (Jennie Harrison)

The next RIF day will be held this Friday, April 14th. That day is National Gardening Day, so we will be doing a "Bee" theme to talk about the importance of bees and pollination in our gardens. A representative from the Franklin County Beekeepers Association, who goes by Miss. Polly Nator, will be joining us to give us a presentation on honey bees. The students will be making a bee magnet and selecting their books. Books were ordered from Scholastic to replenish our supply and have arrived at the school office.

Jennie attended the Optimist Club's meeting on April 5th where our PTO was presented with a donation for \$974 for our RIF program.

A question/discussion was started on the status of the school's Garden Club, and Mr. Wells noted that there are plans for Mrs. Manetta (art teacher) to keep it going.

Restaurant Fundraiser (Jennie Harrison)

The profit from the Hoss's night on March 14th was \$89.38. We are scheduled for a fundraiser night at Dairy Queen on April 18th; flyers will be sent out.

Allison submitted a contact form to Half Pint to see if they would be interested in doing a fundraiser night.

Box Tops (Mrs. Sease & Mrs. Spokus)

Our current year-to-date earnings are \$156.50.

The leaderboard as of today is as follows:

1st – 4th grade: 420

2nd – 2nd grade: 170

3rd – 5th grade: 121

4th – 3rd grade: 33

5th – 1st grade: 8

6th – K: 1

A discussion was held on whether a reward will be offered to the first place winner and it was suggested that the top grade could do a movie in the classroom.

Spring Fundraiser (Jennie Harrison)

The profit from the spring fundraiser (Stoney Point and Taylor's Greenhouse combined) was \$1,361.58. A reminder was noted to pick up hanging baskets for those who ordered.

Holiday Craft (Allison Symmes)

No report

Hospitality (Jennie Harrison)

Family skate night at Magic Elm is scheduled for Monday April 17th from 5:30-7:30 pm. Admission is free and skate rental is \$3.

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 8 – 12. A theme is to be determined.

Math Madness

The total donated was \$9,125.04!!!! The bracket winner (based on donations) was Mrs. Strausbaugh's class, and the class with the most-improved math skills was Mrs. Peterman's class. All rewards were earned and an assembly was held on March 23rd for the Student vs Teacher basketball game. Everyone had a blast and the gym was bursting with excitement. The halftime show included teachers getting pied (Mrs. Effinger, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Wampler, Mr. Cool, Mrs. Spinks, Mrs. Peterman, Ms. Lamer, Dr. Schiefer, and Mr. Wells) and painted (Mrs. Manetta and Ms. Nolte).

We are blown away by everyone's generosity and are so proud of our students, families, staff, and community members. We want to thank everyone who helped make our first Math Madness a HUGE SUCCESS!

Our total profit was \$8,858.34 after purchasing trophies for the two classroom winners and supplies for the half-time show.

Science Fair (Tim Funk)

The theme this year will be "Pollution Solutions." A kick-off was held on March 24th for the 5th graders and packets went home with the other grades for anyone who is interested. The event is scheduled for Wednesday, May 10th during the day. The gym will be set-up with presentations and students will have time to walk through and view the experiments. Parents will also be permitted to come in during the afternoon.

Additional topics

We had discussed doing a community yard sale, however Jennie looked into it and a special event permit is needed to hold the event outside. The fee starts at

\$233 and goes up based on number of participants attending. Other items such as an emergency plan, portable water supply, on-site medical facilities, etc are needed for the permit. If we hold the event indoors, a permit is not needed. We will look into holding an indoor event next school year.

An apparel sale is being planned and order forms will be going out soon. Items will be maroon with white letters, except sweatpants which will be black with white letters. Orders will be due April 24th and delivered in May.

Announcements

Gift Card Winner: Tim Funk

Next Meeting: May 2nd at 7:00