

PTO Meeting Minutes
October 3rd, 2023 7:00 pm

Welcome

In Attendance: Caleb McClure, Allison Symmes, Jennie Harrison, Maria Kretz, Rachael Gibbon, Kate Carter, Megan Booz, Ted Wells, Kathleen Sease (list is not complete; attendance sheet went missing)

Approve minutes from September 12, 2023

Treasurer Report (Maria Kretz)

The balance as of last meeting was \$6,111.41. Deposits totaled \$5,760.00 which included the mum fundraiser. Withdrawals totaled \$4,949.48 which included the payment for mums, kindergarten field trip to Hollabaugh's, and May Fair tote bags. The balance as of today's meeting is \$6,921.93.

Mr. Wells Report

Mr. Wells reported on the last month of school: The first Amazing Warrior breakfast was last week. The first event went well and was well received. The cafeteria was packed. Breakfast was provided by food services as well as donations from parents. We are excited to honor the amazing warriors!

Mr. Wells directed the PTO attention to some upcoming October dates: It is fire prevention month. On Oct. 20th, JGE is getting a visit from the fire department. Strides for Students is also coming up. Mrs. Pecaitis is working with Todd Orner at GAEF to collect donations through Givebutter. Oct. 10th is the kick off and the event will be on the 24th with a make-up date later. Proceeds from this will go towards new playground equipment.

New Business (Allison Symmes)

Allison reported that childcare has been arranged for PTO meetings! The High School Key Club is once again coordinating a sign-up and seven youth are here tonight.

Upcoming date: November 8-10 are parent teacher conferences. We take up donations for soups, baked goods, plastic and paper ware, etc. Allison noted that we normally do a sign-up genius and one will be coming.

Committees

Fall Fundraiser (Jennie Harrison & Maria Kretz)

Jennie reported on the Mum sale: \$1,910 is the final profit. Our profit was less than last year, but the price of the mums increased and we sold about 100 less mums. All in all, it was a successful sale at 576 mums sold.

Six people came to help with delivery (plus workers from Taylor's helped) and five came to help for pick up. Staff from Empower Martial Arts came to help with both delivery and pick-up. We were short one mum of one color and had an extra mum of another color, but it was resolved with Taylor's and now we have one extra red mum.

Maria reported that later this fall we'll be doing a Joe Corbi fundraiser – October 23rd to Nov. 10th, with delivery the second week of December.

RIF (Jennie Harrison)

Jennie reported that RIF will be the First Friday in Nov. (Nov 3rd). Currently there is no theme. PTO entered a discussion about previous themes and materials as well as a general discussion about RIF (Reading is Fundamental). Theme ideas were suggested, Mr. Wells suggested a Veteran's Day theme.

Restaurant Fund (Maria Kretz)

Maria reported that we did Dairy Queen in September and that the profit was not in yet. Hoss's is scheduled for October 17th. Deliso's Pizza recently held a fundraiser night for another local school, so Allison will inquire about doing one for JGE.

Box Tops (Mrs. Sease & Mrs. Spokus)

Mrs. Sease reported on the Box Tops. The leader board is up on the bulletin board (on the way out of the school). The current amount raised is \$47.70 – Runs from July 2023 to June 2024.

Grade 5 – 94 box tops

Kindergarten – 18 box tops

Grade 3 – 10 box tops

Grade 2 - 5 box tops

Grade 4 – 3 box tops

PTO had a discussion about the online Box Tops app: the dates don't run the same time frame, so we have some checks that are a little off due to this (slightly confusing).

Spring Fundraiser (Jennie Harrison)

No update

Holiday Craft (Allison Symmes)

No report – coming in December

Hospitality

Jennie reported on an idea for a Family Engagement Night: Fall Fest / Trunk or Treat. PTO heard that the Reading Team/Title One Team is also doing some family engagement nights. Jennie indicated that she touched base with them as there is a similar idea and a possibility to collaborate.

PTO discussed the Trunk or Treat idea: to participate you decorate your own trunk, hand out your own treats, pull out games we do for May Fair, bring in School Resource officer. For timeline wise, last week before Halloween:

26th, 27th, 30th (Thur/Fri/Mon)

23rd – may be a better night.

The reading specialists are having a meeting this Friday, 10/6 and will be discussing ideas. We will have more information once we hear from them.

Math Madness

Allison reported that we will need volunteers for a planning meeting (November time frame) to discuss what worked/what did not work last year. PTO discussion about what Math Madness was last year (for those that weren't here last year)

Science Fair

No update

Announcements

Gift Card Winner

Jennie Harrison

Next Meeting: November 7, 2023