

PTO Meeting Minutes
January 10th, 2022 7:00 pm

Welcome

In Attendance: Jennie Harrison, Allison Symmes, Tim Funk, Ryan Gastley, Rachel Trout, Caleb McClure, Ted Wells, Maria Kretz, Rachael Gibbon, Jamie Thomson, Jeremy Kuhar, Kathleen Sease, and Kimberly Johnston-Smith.

Approve minutes from November 1, 2022.

Treasurer Report (Maria Kretz)

The balance as of last meeting was \$8,437.96. Deposits were made for a total of \$527.59 for the Dairy Queen, Hoss's, and Believe Kids fundraisers. Withdrawals were made for a total of \$1,645.56 for teacher stipends, Holiday Craft Day, two field trips, and the Dairy Queen lunch/limo ride. Maria has checks to deposit from Kona Ice and Box Tops. The balance as of today's meeting is \$7,319.99.

Principal's Report (Mr. Wells)

Mr. Wells reported that JGE is back from Christmas break and is in the slow and quiet January period. Fine Arts Night and Holiday Concerts were held in December and went well. He thanked the PTO for the Limo Ride Reward and noted that it was "awesome."

New Business (Allison Symmes)

Allison reported that Hershey Park has not released rates yet for 2023 and relayed her nervousness about this – we may not get the returns we are used to and that tickets in the future might be full price as opposed to discounted for us due to a new online fundraising program Hershey has rolled out. Holding pattern to discover more about this new program.

Committees

Fall Fundraiser (Jennie Harrison & Maria Kretz)

Believe Kids: Final number for Believe Kids was \$2553.12 (profit), but we budgeted to bring in \$5000, which means we are down another \$2,500. It decreased (from about \$2900) because of the cost of the DQ and Limo Ride reward.

Beef Jerky Fundraiser (Rachael Gibbons) We heard about a Beef Jerky Fundraiser, though we need more information about this. Jennie will make a contact with them to find out with Rachael Gibbons

RIF (Jennie Harrison)

Jennie reported that the January RIF is this coming Friday. Sign up looks good, good amount of volunteers. Going to use the same 15 min. interval schedule to do crafts. There will be two separate crafts: K-2 (salt painting snowflakes); 3-5 (bead snowflakes). Jennie reported that all supplies have been purchased, receipts coming to Maria (once she knows if any extras can be returned) so far \$110.

Jennie reported that the 2nd grade books still need to be purchased and we are waiting on Mrs. Daniels to return. The teachers have been asked to report what the kids like. We're in a good place with books on hand for RIF, really just need 2nd grade and a refresh on some popular items, before 3rd RIF in April.

The free books from Toys for Tots are in the shed already (books are for 4th and 5th grade, not a lot for 2nd grade unfortunately).

Restaurant Fund (Maria Kretz)

Profit from Hoss's - \$95.39; Hoss's GM said we can do it as often as we want, with a 1 week notice ahead of time.

Montezuma's – Ryan says that they'd be able to do it, need to talk to GM, could do more of a week spread vs one night.

Jan/Feb restaurants are TBD

DQ in April

Texas Roadhouse has not returned PTO contacts.

PTO asked that Ryan set up February with Montezuma's at a rate Montezuma's is comfortable with whatever they're comfortable with.

Maria to set up a week here in Jan at Hoss's

Box Tops (Mrs. Sease & Mrs. Spokus)

Mrs. Sease reported that our YTD earnings is \$105.70. She also reported the amount of tops returned per grade: 4th with 294, 2nd with 164, 5th with 43, 3rd with 4, K with 1, 1st with none.

PTO asked if we were going to do a prize to the grade that submits the most and we decided probably not. Mrs. Sease did report that JGE may be doing more monthly announcements to drum up interest. Tim Funk suggested that constant reminders to parents would be a good idea, as well as putting it in other avenues of broadcast (such as the Newsletter, Seasaw, etc). Mrs. Sease agreed with suggestions and agreed to do the write up for publicizing.

Spring Fundraiser (Maria Kretz & Jennie Harrison)

Jennie reported that we are doing a Potted Plant in the Spring, using Taylor's Greenhouse again. This time it will be hanging baskets and the price point will change based on how many baskets we can commit to purchase. This one will operate differently in that persons will pick up tickets from us (PTO) and then will take those tickets and personally pick out what they want at the greenhouse.

Holiday Craft (Allison Symmes)

Allison had to unexpectedly leave, Jennie reported in her absence that last month's holiday craft went well. They used 15 min. intervals and had a craft to make candy canes with pipe cleaners and used mini-marshmallows to make ornaments.

Hospitality

Family bingo night – done in February on a Friday night. Need to pick a date. Mr. Wells to find a day – any BUT Fri. the 17th, 24th; Make up day first Friday in March. Prizes are in the shed; we need to find out what we still have and what we need to order. Ice cream social also happens on the same night (we are not sure if we are planning to do that again). 40 minutes for Bingo, ice cream, donations for toppings, then 2nd group would come in.

We have previously asked for donations for ice cream, and we got lots of sprinkles and syrup and what not, but we are not sure what happened to the stuff!

Math-a-Thon

Zoom meeting was held on January 10th at 4pm – Maria gave a report about their zoom meeting:

One teacher from almost every grade was present to brainstorm and come up with different ideas for this year's math-a-thon; to make it easier and more uniform. Our hope is to make it a bit different than last year as that was our first year and some things need to be tweaked.

Each grade gets three different centers - 18 minutes a piece to do an activity and move to the next. Each rotation will math focused. Grade levels will come up with an activity amongst themselves. Everyone will participate and afterwards there will be a movie that everyone gets to watch during school.

Donations will be raised - \$10 or more raised, you get to go to the dinner.

Mrs. Sease – Jackie Fox had the idea to apply math skills to think through. I.e: kids are given clues, have to estimate things, counting, adding, subtracting, etc.

Tentative kick off on Jan. 27th – teachers to do a skit, paperwork to go home.

Actual “testing” of applied Math – Week of Feb 27th, grade level dependent, movie with grade level, then have a dinner.

Donations will come from just hyping it up. Discussed the minimum for the donations to get into the dinner 10/15... etc? The cost of the dinner two years ago was over \$300. 91 kids attended and each raised \$10 dollars or more.

Tim Funk raised some deep concerns about having a “paid dinner” – if you raised 10 bucks you get to go, rather than a reward based on performance. PTO agreed to just do away with the dinner entirely. Racheal had a great idea to do something silly based on “tiers.” As more is raised, the teachers complete a “silly” activity to reward the kids.

Other ideas were brought forward about how to turn this into a fundraiser.

Discussion turned to Field Trips – what about making field trips paid by parents, with an option to sponsor a student who may not be able to pay.

Science Fair (Tim Funk)

Tim reported that JGE is going to do its own thing for Science Fair. January 18th will be the meeting for how the Science Fair will work, they are going let all grades participate, but 5th grade will be required.

Announcements

Gift Card Winner: Jamie Thomson

Next Meeting: February 7th, 2023 at 7pm