

## PTO Meeting Minutes

November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 7:00 pm

### Welcome:

In attendance: Caleb McClure, Maria Kretz, Jennie Harrison, Destiny Morris, Tara Barnabei, Jamie Thomson, Sarah Cassias, Ted Wells, Ryan Gastley, Allison Symmes, Suzanne Spokus, Kathleen Sease, Rachael Gibbon, and Kim Smith.

Approved Minutes from October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### Treasurer Report (Maria Kretz)

The Balance as of last meeting was \$9924.50, which was adjusted to \$10,050.50 since the last 3 Hersheypark tickets were sold. Deposits were made for a total of \$2,636.00 for the Believe Kids fundraiser and donations. Withdrawals were made for a total of \$4,248.54 for the mum fundraiser payment, popsicles for the class with the most parent participation at the first meeting, and decorations for pumpkins for RIF.

### Principal's Report (Mr. Wells)

Mr. Wells reported that the Amazing Warrior event was very well received, they had 17 different stations students could choose from and was a way to celebrate as a community. Seeking to do that quarterly (this was the first one). Mr. Wells reported some other ideas: Karate (Dubbs), Fall Craft, and Charlie Brown Movie Theme.

Mr. Wells reminded us that Parent Teacher Conferences coming up and to please sign up.

### New Business (Allison Symmes)

Allison led a conversation about sign-ups for food for Teacher Appreciation week, including signing up for food and to clean up each day.

Allison led a conversation about ordering Christmas/Winter T-shirts and/or Ugly Sweaters for some James Gettys Swag. Mr. Wells observed that it might take a while to get the design/logo made and sent to us. The group decided we needed to gather more information for next year.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Fall Fundraisers (Jennie Harrison & Maria Kretz)

**Mum Sale:** PTO reports a profit of \$2565 – was hugely successful – going to do hanging baskets for Spring (little different set up – will have to drive to the vendor instead of being at JGE)

**Believe Kids (Maria Kretz):** Order has been sent in; after order received it takes about two weeks to get a delivery date (likely after Thanksgiving), definitely not

delivered when we are in school. Online orders: \$4246.50, Paper order: \$2626, \$6866.50 total (includes straight donations), profit of \$2933 (projected 5k). 57 students sold / 340 some kids. Winners get a limo and lunch ride with Mr. Wells (coordinate with Mr. Wells)

### **RIF (Jennie Harrison)**

October event went very well – got pumpkins and supplies to decorate! Thanks to teachers for adjusting schedules to make time; good volunteer turn out. Toys for Tots Literacy program came through – got extra – case of each book (instead of 12). 390 books for free. Need to make a purchase for 2nd grade books. Date is Jan 13th for when they'll pick books. Going to do snowflakes (punched out) for decoration.

### **Restaurant Fundraiser (Maria Kretz)**

Dairy Queen & Hoss's

DQ for October at \$150

Hoss's will be on November 15th – Maria said an email went out on 11/1 and later again this month as a reminder to parents to support the PTO.

Maria announced that she is looking for more restaurants, waiting to speak with general managers at restaurants. Maria led a conversation about branching out into coffee specific restaurants as avenues for revenue. Tommy's is not doing any fundraising at the moment.

The PTO was informed that Montezuma's was approached and a conversation began about potentially what it would look like to use Montezuma's as one of the PTO's restaurant fundraisers.

### **Box Tops (Mrs. Sease & Mrs. Spokus)**

Update – JGE YTD earnings is \$66.40 in Box Tops. The website has been updated, and there are a lot more details about JGE, including a "grade" competition on the Box Top Website. We can now see which grade is in the lead and create some opportunities for healthy competition.

### **Spring Fundraiser - (Maria Kretz & Jennie Harrison)**

No Update

### **Holiday Craft (Allison Symmes)**

Scheduled for Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>; no craft selected as of the meeting, but the schedule will be 30-minute increments with two crafts, around fifteen minutes a piece. Allison reminded us that parents are invited.

### **Hospitality**

Teacher Appreciation Week – the PTO heard that JGE needs a new laminator. A vote was sought after to decide if the PTO would cover ½ of the cost or none (\$1800, total cost). Discussion was if the PTO did half, there would be monies in the budget for extra stuff for the teachers.

The PTO had a long discussion about the laminator, which we learned is very old. Discussion also discovered that the teachers do not currently like the make/model of the current one – a question was raised if we needed to do some research on a laminator that would be more well received/function better. The PTO also had conversations about raising more money for the teachers.

A closed vote was then taken: does the PTO cover ½ of the cost of the new laminator or none.

### **Math-A-Thon**

Maria will send an email to the teachers to discuss a brainstorming meeting.

### **Science Fair (Tim Funk)**

The district is interested in doing a STEAM night, but not every building will be doing a full science fair. Tim would like to do a science fair and the 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers seem to be on the same page. They are planning to meet in late November/early December to iron out the details.

### **Announcements**

**Gift Card Winner:** Ryan Gastley

**Believe Kids drawing for a limo ride:**

Bodhi Cool

Harper Jane Luskey

Aria Hawn

Jackson Shupe

Zoey Wilhelm

Gabe Harrison

Next Meeting: January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7pm