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Minutes for Meeting, January 11, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Michele O'Neill at @ 7:03 pm

In attendance: President: Michele O'Neill; Vice-President: Larissa Kimmel; Secretary: Anne Cronk; Treasurer: Melissa Hager; 25 members, *Acting Principal, Mr. Heaney-absent*

Minutes: Anne Cronk: Minutes from November Meeting: Motion made to accept minutes made by Michelle Gordon, 2nd by Brandy Kresge.

Treasurer's Report: Melissa Hager - We have big balances due for Field Trips coming in soon. CD renews this week, we need to vote on keeping CD as is or putting it into something else to earn more interest? Interest rates aren't going anywhere. Motion made by Sue Novak to keep as is for the next 6 month, 2nd from Kristy Gable. Motion to accept minutes form Sue Novak and 2nd by Michelle Gordon.

Committee Reports / Old Business:

- a. Thanksgiving Food Drive: Michele O'Neill - I can't thank you all enough for amount of donations, we aimed to give to 5 families, then 9, ended up with enough to provide for 12 families. Still got calls after that to donate more! Along with community donations the school gave to total of 15 families. And it was enough food to feed 8-10 people through the weekend. We asked for more help than just Thanksgiving dinner items- got breakfast and lunch items. Got fresh veggies and fruits from C&C as well.
- b. Thanksgiving Lunches: Michele reporting for Jennifer Sommers - went well, had great attendance. Needed extra help for Palmer, ended up having administration come to help -which was nice for families to see the Superintendent and others there.
- c. Christmas Dance: Amy Carrelli - dance went well. Had people to set up, chaperone, cleanup. \$359.50 profit.
- d. Santa's Workshop: Amy Carelli - \$2,216.15 profit Parkside, \$6,860.61 from Palmer. \$9,077.11 total both schools. Kids bucks given to students who didn't have money to buy something, total of \$318 - credit. Bomber items- palmer \$495. (675) \$110 in items of unsold sunglasses. Items went well. Will plan on doing again next year.
- e. Christmas Gifts : Michele reporting for Magin Gursky - all students got a pillow- match the blankets from previous years. We have extra for sale. Santa did a great job! He really brought the magic to the kids.
- f. Open Committees -chairs needed
 - I. Basket Social – 3 people have offered to help. But no one to officially “chair”.
 - II. Childcare during meetings - This is Beth's last year, we need someone to step up!
 - III. Community Festival
 - IV. Parkside Bookfair- March 7-11- need someone to help chair with Jen Sommers.

New Business:

- a. Valentine Dance: Amy Carrelli- February 5, 2016 - need help from 1:30-3pm to set up. Chaperone 3-5pm Asking for food donations. Will be a sign up genius. 1 jar of pickles left.
- b. Kid's Bingo: Larissa Kimmel - February 21, 2016 - at High School from 2pm-5pm. Doors open at 1pm. Hot food will need help with donations and selling food that day. We are accepting donation of toys, games, and small \$5 consolation prize items. Tickets will be going on sale this week. \$10 person. Kids must have adult with them to attend. Adults do not need to pay unless they want to play bingo. Will be doing sign -up genius for donations for hot food. Food prices are kept low, with kid-friendly baked goods, Toys accepted until Jan 29. Get in touch with Larissa to get gifts to her.
- c. Joe's Place/Krispy Kreme/Gertrude Hawk fundraisers – Michele Bennyhoff/Tricia Steimetz/Tina Reph - given by Michele O'Neill - in this weeks Wed express. All orders due Jan 28- Donuts will be Feb 7, 1-3pm at HS. Gertrude Hawk & Joe Place gift cards - March 11 - time TBA
- d. Basket Social: Michele O'Neill: April 3 9am-2pm. Because of early Easter- running into other events- Wrestling banquet same day @ 4pm. We will be starting earlier- ending at 2pm so we can be out of cafeteria early for other event. Start calling tickets at 1:30pm. Still the same day as Train Meet. We

didn't want to lose the money from not being same day so we have to compromise. Wrestling is willing to work with us. If we would move back to March we have Easter egg hunts, and other community events. Kristy Gable -Booster club will be there for football signup as well. Not an issue with book fair during that time so we can use PTO room for baskets instead of someone's home.

e. Fundraisers:

- I. Box Tops/Labels for Education: Kathleen Leister -Not a lot of tops/labels coming in right now. Labels for Education balance- 20,432. Need 1611 labels need for the next \$250 gift card. Received a check for Box Tops in Dec for \$1,473.70- which was 14,737 box tops. Used last card in fall to buy recess items for 3 grades- chalk, balls, kick-balls, etc. Monthly reward party- so send in with child and class.
- II. Computers for Educations-January: Michele for Wendi- will be going out next week- Postcards that each child is asked to fill out a booklet . We get \$5.50 for completed booklet. Address are not being sold. We get no credit for magazine orders. Child can win a prize if someone does order. But we get no money from orders. If you have address you are willing to share please let us know. Very quick turnaround. Due back soon.
- III. Gift Cards: Wendi Bartholomew - no sales this month. Not until March for Easter
- IV. Dine & Donate -Yearbook Fundraiser: Jennifer Sommers/ Pam Andrews - very successful! Thank you for all support! Joey B's profit from 3 day event: \$750; Balch's Soup & Salad profit- 1 day event: \$171.12
 - i. Palmerton Hotel - Jan 25, 4pm to 10pm - dine in or carry out. No coupon needed.
 - ii. West End Saloon - March 8, 4pm to 10pm

President's Report: Michele O'Neill: Field Trip Dates: will request that we do not double up on field trips for multiple classes next year. Not fair for parents and it hurts our number of chaperones as well. Kindergarten – Steam town - May 5, 2016; 1st Grade – Crayola Factory - May 23, 2016; 2nd Grade – Philly Zoo – May 4, 2016; 3rd Grade – Quiet Valley – May 5, 2016; 4th Grade – Harrisburg – May 12, 2016; 5th Grade – Easton Canal – May 2, 2016; 6th Grade – Iron Pigs – May 18, 2016

If we need chaperones we will ask some other parents to help. School will also send other faculty if needed. Hoping no issues this year.

Kristy Gable asking a question for Nicki Frank - Question as to whether photographer will be going and if they have to pay. Michele: This is on the back burner, question of if it's worth it? Melissa Hager commented -Is it worth it to send a photographer compared to what gets into yearbook anyway - is this really worth the cost to send an extra person? Melissa brought up idea of PTO ever thought to purchase one camera to use? Michele: we have a hard time getting SD cards back - not worth losing an expensive camera.

Watch for emails about upcoming events. Encourage everyone to attend school board meeting next Tuesday, Jan 19 at 6:30pm, 3rd floor Parkside Building.

Principal's Report: - Mr. Heaney, acting Principal - email read by Michele - Happy New Year Last day of marking period is tomorrow Jan 12. Report cards will be sent home on Jan 27 in the Wed. express. Beginning this Wed, Jan 13 running until Feb 23rd - students in grades K-6 will have the opportunity to participate in an hour long program presented by the DaVinci Science Center. Schools closed Mon. Jan 18. Kindergarten registration is tentatively scheduled for end of March. Letters will go out on Feb 10th, and then appts. can be made. Thank you again for all you do.

Member Question & Comments: -a bingo meeting will be held directly after the PTO meeting tonight for those interested in helping!

Call to Adjourn: @ 7:53pm, Motion made by Tiff McCauley, second by Michelle Gordon.

Next Meeting: February 8, 2016 7:00 p.m.
Snow Date: February 10, 2016