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November 14, 2016 - Minutes

Call meeting to order: Michele O'Neill @ 7:05pm

In attendance: President: Michele O'Neill; Vice-President: Larissa Kimmel; Secretary: Anne Cronk; Treasurer: Melissa Hager; Principal: Mary Brumbach; 36 members

Minutes from October Meeting: Anne Cronk, No corrections or questions. Motion made to accept by Jennifer Sommers, 2nd by Michele Gordon

Treasurer's Report: Melissa Hager: asks that we text a photo of deposit slip, so we have an up to date in order of deposit. So it can be entered as it goes in to bank. Taxes are filed, next is the PA Sales tax exempt. Donations are tax deductible. Motion made to accept by Wendi Bartholomew, 2nd by Tiff Brown

Old Business / Committee Reports

- a. By-Laws Update/Revision: Anne Cronk, correction- page 2, Article 6, C- change to 2 points; Motion made to accept the By-law changes made by Michele Gordon, 2nd by Laura Konze, all in favor. No one opposed
- b. Christmas Gifts: Magin Gursky: all is ordered. Sizes were done in school; some kids have guessed what they are getting because we had to size them in school, which we like to keep the gift a secret. Items should be in before Thanksgiving. A date will be announced planning on Dec 6 to "wrap" gifts. And Dec 8 if need a second date.
- c. Thanksgiving Food Drive: Michele O'Neill/Anne Cronk: Ending on Thursday - try to feed 10 families this year. We need turkeys, sides, pies, everyday food, some families have a hardship while kids aren't in school- without subsidized school lunches and breakfast. Collection during Family Lunches this week, bring with or send to school with child. Contact Anne or Michele for frozen items. Ends Thursday- meals delivered Friday.
- d. Clothing Swap: Kristy Gable - not very busy this weekend, we will try for spring again; we did well last spring- had a lot of help this time though!
- e. Palmer Book Fair: Jennifer Sommers: Earned \$3046, sales bonus, \$304; Total Scholastic of \$8,365.08. Thank you to everyone for all the help. Long week, a lot of hours. If you sign up to volunteer or to donate, and are unable to help PLEASE let us know so we aren't looking for you, and can plan for it. Question asked- do the books go to Classrooms - yes, each teacher gets a Wish list and we try to fulfill the entire wish list.
- f. Halloween Dance: Amy Carrelli/Stephanie White: Michele gave report, 144 students attended - went well. Lots of help, and to set up. Thank you.
- g. Fall Festivities/Parade: MaryJo King/Sue Novak - except for small rain shower in AM- it went well. Assembly of bags went well. Thank you to everyone that came out on Parade day. We need a co-chair to replace Tricia.
- h. Fundraisers:
 1. Bomber Bracelet Fundraiser: Melissa Hager: finally heard back after 4 weeks of no response. Posted on Facebook, and email, and goes out this Wed express. Short sale so can be in for Christmas, Orders in for Nov 25. Need them next Wed before Thanksgiving. Going to Towamensing. Need a copy person. \$20 each. Kid's size is for 8yrs and up. The P bomber is cut-out with 2 crystals. Blue & white. Question is if we get 75 orders, should we order extra to sell- Michele suggested 10 extra, We could potentially do it in spring -and if they run a no-minimum sale we can do that. Some other items - a keychain, a paracord keychain, only minimum of 25. Members think we should wait for spring for anything else. We sold 230 bracelets last year. We can't get them for Christmas in the Park. We can order more extra, and take orders at the Christmas in Park. We should be able to sell the extra- we shouldn't lose. Kristy Gable makes a motion to order 25, Wendy Bartholomew makes second. All in favor, no one opposed. Question to add charm with Graduation year - but we can't do because it would be another custom order of 75 minimum.

2. Christmas In the Park: Melissa Hager: a new dumpling provider will order 150; Sign-up will go out for other supplies. We don't know how much we will sell. Gift cards for Country Harvest to get cheese, milk. Need people to brainstorm on amount of pasta she needs. Jenn Leshner has a generator. Rain date only if torrential rain/snow, light snow or rain still goes on. 12-5 pm. Trees lit at 4:30. Set up around 10:30am.
3. Spirit Wear: Steph Bollinger/Michelle Burkett - approx. 270 items sold, made \$514 on sale. Delivery date not yet. Emails will go out when we have a date.
4. Vendor/Craft Event: Michelle Gordon-Vendors: Thank you to all who came out and it was very successful. We doubled our vendors, increased attendance. This year- \$1822 and only \$70 used on budget. Many vendors interested in next year. Over 150 filled out door prize how they came- We will advertise again next year- 1/3 of people saw it in the Times News, brought in bigger crowd. We didn't have the confusion of yard sale items etc.
Kristi Gable-Food sales -A lot of donations and help. \$384 and change in profit. Sold out of food. DD donated 10dz for event- sold those too.
5. KidsStuff Books: Jen Tobia/Becky Christman: Please send in payment or book. We need to wrap this up. You don't have to sell it. Sales so far are down- We missed out because of it going out late. Many already bought it- especially since Towamensing sold before us. We will discuss and probably move back to sending out in the first week of school next year.
6. Box Tops: Wendi Bartholomew - sent in first mailing for \$159.70. Please watch the dates- we get many expired that get thrown out. Keeping track by grades- then will do reward at end of year, for the whole grade, not by classroom.
7. Ink Cartridge Recycling: Michele O'Neill: We have a TON of cartridges to get for cash- or take to staples. We have boxes of them. Can you help go through them? A job to do at home and find out what can be sent where. Do it within 2 weeks. See signup after meeting tonight, or contact Michele or Wendi.

Open Committees -chairs needed

1. Basket Social - we have a chair! - co-chair- Sunday, April 2, set up 1st. not the same day as train meet, we said last year we will not do it the same as Wrestling banquet. And concourse club is the following week. We don't feel we need the train event to bring in people anymore.
2. Krispy Cream – need shadow - In Spring
3. Parkside Teachers Lunch – need shadow.
4. Track & Field - need shadow
5. Hospitality - co-chair for meetings

New /Upcoming Business

- a. School Board Meeting - Tuesday, Nov. 15, 6:30pm -please go and ask for more info, Teachers will strike Jan 9, 2017 if unable to come to agreement.
- b. Thanksgiving Lunches: Jennifer Sommers: start tomorrow at Parkside- then Wed & Thus. We need a lot of help to serve food, if you can help, No hair-nets required. Sue Novak suggested having PTO volunteers to hand the people plates and serve directly onto plate. It has to do with regulations why it can't be served that way.
- c. Christmas Dance- Friday, Dec. 9: Amy Carrelli/Stephanie White: Sign-up genius is up we need chaperones, donations. It is not a formal dance.
- d. Santa's Workshop: Laura Konze/Amy Carrelli: Dec 10th. Sale starts at 10am to 4pm. Co-chairs got Santa from 10-12; photos will be taken by Brand and posted to Shutterfly. Need a comfy chair for Santa to sit in. Melissa offered to ask Jeff for chair. Set up is Friday night but help is needed for Dance first. Our bomber items were purchased and some have arrived already. We are looking for vendors to have something for parents to do. Parents will not go in to Cafeteria so it can stay secret. Vendor charged \$10/spot. Because it is the first time, we don't know how it will go. So Vendors will understand if it doesn't go well we are sticking with PTO member/family known. 3 confirmed vendors as of today. No profit on this. The \$10 is only to hold the spot- the money will go towards buying more items. No snow date. If school is cancelled Friday does it affect Sat? Mary Brumbach-- good question- depends on how

much snow. 3 ft. of snow will affect it. Very difficult to set a different date if snow. Kids Korner items we don't have to pay for what we don't sell. But the Bomber items we have already paid for. Sat at 8am we will need help. Chair can be delivered during day on Friday. No shopping during school, at all. This is the only day. To alleviate interruptions during school day. A flyer will be sent home hopefully next week about the event. Some of the bomber items will be available for parents to shop for.

- e. Kid's Bingo: Larissa Kimmel/Tiffany Brown - Another chair needed- Larissa is stepping down. She will assist. No date set yet. Typically Jan or Feb.
- f. Fundraisers:
 - 1) Dine & Donate-Yearbook Fundraiser: Jennifer Sommers/Pam Andrews
 - a. 110 Tavern - Nov. 14,15,16 - Coupon needed - hopefully you can go this week to the 110. New chef. Good for takeout. Can go for lunch.
 - b. Joey B's- Jan 24, 25, 26
 - c. West End Saloon – March 7
 - d. Slopeside (Blue Mt Ski Area) - TBD

President Report: Michele O'Neill

Field Trips:

K – April 28, 1st – May 15, 2nd – May 3, 3rd – May 19, 4th – May 4, 5th – May 22, 6th – May 4

Tried very hard to not have 2 field trips but Iron Pigs is a lottery system and we got the day same as 4th grade.

Our PTO Banner pre-dates any of us, does not include Parkside. We would like to update it. Jet Signs gave quote of \$150. Motion made to purchase new banner by Laura Konze, 2nd by Jen Sommers. All agree, no one opposed.

We had a Shutterfly account used a few years ago to be used for parents to purchase/view kids photos at events they couldn't be at. Thought it could be used for Yearbook -but found out quality wasn't acceptable. We had photos posted last year. Many parents do like having their kid's photos online. Does anyone use it? Halloween parade was issue why another parent was taking photos of their child. Had to be explained we had others doing photos. Discussion was held on the use and liabilities and security of having the photos on internet. Majority of members oppose photos being online and tied to PTO. Some members don't think it was a problem/security issues. Sue Novak made a motion to take down the Shutterfly account. Tiff McCauley 2nd, all in agreement, No one opposed.

Principal's Report - Ms. Brumbach - Mr. Palazzo is leaving to be K-3 Principal in Panther Valley after Christmas. He does enormous amount- so this will be a loss to both schools. He also works at Jr. High. Hopefully no snow days this year. Knock on wood. Thanksgiving Lunches- cut off was Oct 26 - extended it - last cutoff again was last Wed. Still getting people wanting to still come. Need to order food, set up. etc. She apologies if you can't come but we have a deadline for a reason.

Member Question & Comments

Magin - correction to Santa Gifts sorting: Wed Dec 7 and Thurs 8 for Christmas Gifts- NOT 6th;

A few sample door-prizes given out.

Call to Adjourn @ 8:26pm Motion made by Michele Gordon, 2nd by Jenn Sommers.

**Next Meeting: January 9, 2017 7:00 p.m. Snow Date: January 11, 2017
No Meeting in December!**