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## February 13, 2017 Minutes

**Call meeting to order:** Michele O'Neill @ 7:03 pm

**In attendance:** President: Michele O'Neill; Vice-President: Larissa Kimmel; Secretary: Anne Cronk; Treasurer: Melissa Hager; Principal: Mary Brumbach ; 22 members

**Minutes from January Meeting:** Anne Cronk - no comments/corrections. Motion made by Michele Gordon to accept Minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tiff McCauley

**Treasurer's Report:** Melissa Hager - \$100 off in our favor, will have independent audit. We are getting Country Harvest bills, and no way to know what they are for. Please send her receipts. Motion made to accept by Jenn Sommers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sue Novak

### Old Business / Committee Reports

- a. Valentine Dance: Amy Carrelli/Stephanie White - all went well. May 12 next dance, Friday night. Need a lot of help and donations with night time dance!!
- b. Rainbow Committee: Michele O'Neill - Mrs. Brown had baby boy in Dec. Sent her \$25 Giftcard
- c. Fundraisers:
  - 1) Box Tops: Wendi Bartholomew -labels for Education are being processed to pick out a reward - we need clarification on this? BoxTops- \$1,133. 30 last month.
  - 2) Ink Cartridge Recycling: Michele O'Neill - has a list of those who can help that volunteered last month. Will be working on what we have and what we can use.
- d. Open Committees -chairs needed
  - 1) Festival – need shadows- a few have expressed interest- thank you! Not a commitment, just to see what is involved. First town meeting on Feb 28 if anyone wants to attend.

### New /Upcoming Business

- a. School Board Meeting - Tuesday, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>, 6:30 p.m. Parkside 3<sup>rd</sup> Fl. Recommend to please go, many issues- include teacher's contract. Learn more info from both sides, express your opinion. You can also contact them through email listed on school website.
- b. Kid's Bingo - Sunday, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>: Tiffany Brown/Jennifer Sommers - \$12 tix at door. Need help setting up, during and clean-up.

Hot Food: Kristy Gable -we need help with food sales, need donations - no one so far to help. There was confusion about which person to contact for tix or for food. Please give them the correct information to make it easier for them to get in touch with correct person. Maybe send out a reminder this Wed to get the info out again?

Great way to have fun with the kids. You can play bingo and help with food sales during intermission. It can be pre-purchased food, doughnuts, etc. doesn't need to be home-made.
- c. Jump Rope for Heart, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> – March 3<sup>rd</sup>: Joe Gostonyi /Tanya Hess  
Flyer will go home soon- Sign up genius will have minimum amount needed- more can still come. PTO Members get points. Non-ptto members can also be there. Melissa- JR4H went home same day as our fundraiser so she felt it will hurt our sales. This was due to strike and timing- hopefully it wouldn't happen again.  
This event goes by number day **not** by day of the week. Moved to end of Feb to help with weather.  
Larissa- because of it being only 2 days in Feb, 3 in March we suggest, Just for this event for this year, we can vote to allow Jump Rope of Heart volunteer times would go towards this year points? Thoughts?  
Sue Novak- push it all for next year- most who have their points for this year wouldn't come - but maybe would help more to kick off for next year.  
Sue Novak motions to make points in JR4H to be all for next year's points (2017-18), 2<sup>nd</sup> Michele Gordon. 21 in favor, 1 opposed. Motion passed.
- d. Spring Clothing Swap- Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>: Kristy Gable/Jennifer Lax -More info to come home- please mark your calendar.

e. Fundraisers:

- 1) Dine & Donate-Yearbook Fundraiser: Jennifer Sommers/Pam Andrews
  - a. Joey B's (was held Jan 31-Feb 2) lot of people were there, thank you for supporting- helped moving it to after Strike period .
  - b. West End Saloon – March 7<sup>th</sup> - Coupons needed- will go home.
  - c. Slopeside – TBA
  
- 2) Spring Fundraisers – Gertrude Hawk, Krispy Kreme, Joe's Place: Tricia Steinmetz, Michelle Bennyhoff, Tina Reph: Sales end this Wed, Feb 15<sup>th</sup>: Krispy Kreme Doughnuts and Joe's Place pick-up on Sun. Feb 26<sup>th</sup> at PHS - 1:30pm - help is needed for sorting at Noon  
Gertrude Hawk Candy & Joe's Place pick-up week of 3/6 - TBA,
  
- 3) Basket Social: Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, PHS 10am-3pm: Michelle Gordon  
need help setting up, and with food. Letters will come home soon. We need boxes for the classrooms. Teachers have their theme picked already.  
Requesting a Budget of \$400 this year to advertise in Kids Closet. And small ad in Times news- it helped. .  
Jenn Sommers made a motion for a \$400 budget, Jenn Leshner 2<sup>nd</sup>, All in favor. No one opposed.  
Hot Food & Bake Sale: Kristy Gable - more info will come out later date.
  
- 4) Bomber fun profit: Larissa Kimmel - - \$8,313.72.

Larissa also added- **Tally sheets for points**- Chairs need to please calculate points on the sheets and donations - do not write just "donation" write- brownies, chips, drinks. Etc. We need to have more accurate of what we got donated. All points sheets are due end of February. Please get them in ASAP - we cannot accept point tallys later.

**President Report:** Michele O'Neill - Our PTO is being honored by the PSEA, as part of the Carbon County Educators, for supporting the schools and teachers. This year our PTO and Towamensing PTO will be invited to dinner on April 20 at Blue Shamrock. Kudos to all for us being selected!

**Principal's Report** - Ms. Brumbach - Feb 17 is now a school day because of Snow-make up day. Following strike, when we were told we were having school that day, then the next week it was decided not to use it as strike-make up day. Not many people know already but Mary said it will come home this Wed. express. A request was made for a phone call - she will make sure one goes out- She will make one if District does not do one.

PSSA will be right around the corner.

The next day that is a snow day - Holy Thurs. April 13 is a possible make -up.

JR4H - also read across America Week- at Palmer- will come home this Wed. or next- dress up days and activities for that week. Parkside is not the same though.

When we have reminder for events- safer bet of more people getting it in the Wed express. Parents are more used to it going home in Wed express. Try not to have a sale end on a Wed (push it to Friday?) - so that reminders can be sent on Wed.

PSSA schedule different this year because of Easter. It is more split up- with the holiday break.

**Member Question & Comments** - none

**Call to Adjourn** @7:44pm, motion made by Steph Meixell, Sue Novak 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Next Meeting: March 13, 2017 7:00 p.m.**  
**Snow Date: March 15, 2017**