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January 10, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Call meeting to order @ 7:05pm

In attendance: President: Michele O'Neill; Vice-President: Michelle Gordon; Secretary: Anne Cronk; Treasurer: Melissa Hager; Principal: Mary Brumbach- absent; 18 members;

Minutes from November Meeting: Anne Cronk. No corrections. Motion to accept made by Laura Konze, 2nd by Jen Lax. Note from Anne that website will update soon- new computer and issues with program! Email officers if you need previous minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Melissa Hager - all field trip deposits made. Please try to remember to separate your start up when making deposits. Motion made to accept made by Laura Konze, 2nd by Lisa Kistler. CD Renew coming up in a few days, it's earning a small percent of interest. 6 months term. Motion made to renew CD by Jen Lax, 2nd by Sheila Spadt. All in favor, No one opposed.

Old Business / Committee Reports

- a. Christmas Gifts: (Magin Gursky) – update read by Michelle Gordon: Thank you to those who made it out to help sort the towels per classroom. Your help was appreciated more than you know. Also thank you again to Santa. He is absolutely amazing and love working with him every year. Hope everyone liked the towels. Don't forget to put your child's name on them somewhere as a lot of teachers mentioned several events the towels could be brought to throughout the year, teddy bear picnic, water days, pool day, etc.
- b. Christmas Dance: (Amy Carrelli/Stephanie White) Dance went well- Next Fri Feb 9, set up at 1:30pm, 3-5. Sign up genius has gone out on Facebook.
- c. Santa's Workshop: (Laura Konze/Amy Carrelli) Dec 9 – A lot of setup help with the 3 events. Had Honor Society help too. Busy most of day- started to die down around 1pm. \$2,085.25 in product. \$1,985 was actually cost after bonus \$100. \$50 paid to Santa. \$236.75 in bombers items. (\$240-ish in items left) Vendors were happy. Overall went well.
- d. Palmer Book Fair: (Jennifer Sommers) –read by Michelle G : The book fair was held the first week of December. It was a crazy busy week, but once again our PTO membership pulled together and generously donated items for family night to make it a huge successful event for our school! We also were able to collect I believe 3 boxes of food items for the winter food drive - Amazing! We decided to take cash from this book fair instead of the scholastic dollars. We receive a lesser percentage, but the cash funds can be used toward field trips and our bigger expenses. We earned \$1,365.44 in cash for our school! We will still earn our bonuses and extras, they provide them later on in the year. Since we have a nice stock pile of scholastic dollars we purchased books for the teachers and the library totaling \$1,685.15! Great job to all of the volunteers who helped out book fair week and a sincere thank you for all of your dedication and hard work! We are currently scheduling the BOGO Book Fair for Spring 2018!
It was a very busy family night as well!
- e. Winter Food Drive: (Sue Novak/Michelle Gordon) – was a huge success. Hoping to help 15 families – increased it to 20- helped 57 kids. Thank you to everyone – helped to collect at book fair and dance. Look forward to holding it again next year. thank you to everyone – great response to having 2 different drives back to back
- f. Thanksgiving Food Drive: (Michele O'Neil) Donated 12 families from turkey to pie. Plus 2 bags of food to help through the weekend. We were a little lower- with Lunches held a week earlier we know people didn't remember.
- g. Fall Clothing Swap: (Jen Lax/Sarah Mantz) Good success. Thought we might lose some clothes from construction damage but only a few things had to be thrown out. Even with rain – had tons of families come and take bags of clothes. Thank you to all who helped set up on Friday and on Sat. All the adult clothes donated to Nearly New Shop so it stays in community. Kids clothes kept for our next swap. March 10 is next Spring event.

h. Fundraisers:

- i. Christmas In the Park: (Melissa Hager) profit of \$350- dumplings didn't sell- Pumpkin roll went great. Whole and slices. Expenses were high for that though. Bomber items sold \$118.
- ii. Spirit Wear: (Michelle Burkett/Becky Christman) Very successful. Total # of items over 400. Response was surprising. Helped was great for sorting. \$1137. Profit. Including staff sale. Working on spring now.
- iii. Box Tops: (Wendi Bartholomew) Keep sending in! So far for 17-18 school year we raised \$688.60, check came yesterday. 6th grade won prize hoping to get it out this week or next. Contest going on – posted on FB – enter every day. In running to earn additional 5000 Box Tops. Use the Bonus app on phone!

New /Upcoming Business

- a. Valentine Dance: (Amy Carrelli/Stephanie White) Friday, Feb. 9 -see Decembers committee update.
- b. Kid's Bingo: (Tiffany Brown/ Jennifer Sommers) read by Michelle G- Sunday, Feb 25. *New Location* . Toy Bingo will be held on February 25 with bingo starting at 1pm and doors open at 12pm. We have a change in venue this year. It will be held at First United Church in Palmerton. It is located right on Delaware Ave next to the Borough Building. No costs for rental - fee was waived. A new flyer will be coming home shortly with ticket purchasing information. We will keep you all posted. Thanks for the donations thus far!
- c. Basket Social: (Michelle Gordon) Sunday, April 15, PAHS Need volunteers to solicit business. Contact Michelle Gordon - she will give you info. Budget request \$600. To purchase tickets, advertising, misc. cost. Laura Konze made a motion for Basket social to have a \$600 budget, 2nd by Jen Lax. All in favor. No one opposed. Motion passed. Email will go out soon for volunteers and the classroom letters will go in future.
- d. Fundraisers:
 - i. Spring Fundraisers: Gertrude Hawk, Krispie Kreme, Joe's Place: (Michelle Bennyhoff, Tina Reph, Kristen Tubbs) info will come out in next week. Krispy Kreme will be delivered Feb 11. Sunday before Ash Wed. Will combine with HS class to split cost of delivery. No times yet. GH and JP no dates yet.
 - ii. Dine & Donate-Yearbook Fundraiser: (Pam Andrews) No word yet from Joey Bs they are changing program. Called Platz and West End to see if we can do one there. Town has been overrun and too many dine and donates now.

President Report: Michele O'Neill --Nothing else to report- hope everyone had a good holiday. Mary had a death in family. So she couldn't attend and didn't send any updates. School is in session on Monday, Jan 15 as snow-make up day. Questions about how notice went out- many people unaware of this -Usually in Paper, phone call, etc to notify. Not official yet but because of the 2 days off last week we should be in school Friday, Feb 16 and Thursday before Easter – then any more days off will add to end of year at this point.

Principal's Report - Ms. Brumbach –absent

Member Question & Comments

Call to Adjourn @ 7:32 by Laura Konze. 2nd by Mary Beth Zulic.

Next Meeting: February 12, 2018 7:00 p.m.
Snow Date: February 14, 2018