

PTO Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 16th, 2018
(Rescheduled from March 6th due to snow)
6:30 pm

Present: Jennifer Henry, Kelly Allen, Rebecca Harries, Ronya Ayala, Priscilla Robertson, Suzanne Litzenberger, Margo Cottone

President's Welcome

Review of February Meeting Minutes - Approved by Kelly Allen and Ronya Ayala

Treasurer's Report - Slow month in February. Withdrawals occurred for classroom party winners from food drive (Giant and Pizza) and field trip payments are starting for the spring. Reminder to register Lincoln Elementary under your Amazon account, as we get about \$20.00 a month through this program. Treasurer report approved by Suzanne Litzenberger.

Old Business -

- We are still accepting nominations for next year's PTO Vice President and Treasurer. They are two year terms. Please contact Jennifer Henry if interested. Vice President essentially fills in and supports President and Treasurer handles invoices, monthly reports, and checking account.
- Mrs. Ritter's class won the food donations contest for the 100 days of school food drive. They won a class party. Donations were given to the Bethel Food bank, which supports local Emmaus families. A thank you card was received from the food bank.

New Business -

- Jennifer Henry is attending a PTO expo on 3/27 in Oaks. The expo allows you to see vendors/programs and get ideas for next year. Let Jennifer know if you are interested in attending.
- Kindergarten Registration is taking place on 3/22. The PTO helps welcome students/parents, recruits new volunteers, sells spirit wear, and helps make copies as needed. Help is still needed for both morning (9:00 - 11:00) and afternoon sessions (1:30 - 3:00).
- Teacher Appreciation Week is coming up in May. We will be asking for food donations via sign up genius (dinner and breakfast is scheduled). Teacher appreciation events are run by the hospitality committee and we will be looking for new leaders for this committee for next year as current members are 5th grade parents.
- Yearbook order forms went home. It is suggested if you want a yearbook to preorder it, as only a small amount are ordered extra.
- There will be a 5th grade picnic and volleyball game (staff versus students). Volunteers will be needed for this event held at the end of May.
- Most field trips will be occurring this Spring. Every grade goes on one field trip a year.
- The PTO has purchased hatch and release butterflies and supplies for the 2nd grade in

the past. Mr. Chase will be getting us information on costs for this year, typically runs about \$300.00. There were no objections to providing this for the 2nd grade this year.

- Spring Festival will be Friday May 11th from 4 to 7. Again will need many volunteers. Several games were not run last year due to a lack of parent volunteers.
- Book Fair is coming up on April 23rd to 26th. It is being condensed for spring and having no preview days. There will still be after school and night hours. As usual, volunteers will be needed.

Fundraising:

- Read-a-thon occurred over President's Day weekend. We have not gotten numbers/information back from it yet.
- Bingo will be 3/24 and is sold out. Tickets will be sent out next week. There were several complaints made on the facebook page about lack of tickets. Jennifer Henry asked that all remember these events are run by volunteers and the volunteers deserve respect. This event is very popular and routinely sells out each year, however, this is the first year that there have been so many complaints. A few options were discussed: could we change date, hold at a different venue, make a policy to limit amount of tickets sold per family, or limit to immediate family and family members. These are things to more fully discuss for next year. Spirit wear will be sold at Bingo and sign up genius going out shortly for volunteers.
- Rebecca Harries and Becca Geller attended a fundraiser event at Let's Play Books in Emmaus. They are able to provide a book fair at the school or could have an in-store event at Let's Play Books where a percentage of sales would be donated to the school in form of cash or book credit. Let's Play Books also can help coordinate author visits at the school (run through school staff, not PTO). Members were interested in swapping out our Barnes and Noble night with a Let's Play Books fundraiser night/weekend for next year. We can possibly combine it with specials/fundraisers at restaurants in Emmaus for the same night.
- Spirit Wear new order form should come home this week, although orders are taken all year.

Principal's Input - No updates at this time.

Faculty Input - No updates at this time.

Teacher Treat