

11/15/2023 PTO Meeting Minutes

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Still working on a system to track volunteer hours
 - a. Galaxy: Andries is looking into this system
 - b. Better Impact: Chelsea is looking into this system. Cost is roughly \$600/yr
 - c. Kyle Wahlgren is 80% done with a Google Sheet with drop downs to minimize user input errors.
- 2) Student's artwork is approved to be on display at Winter and Spring Concerts
- 3) Mr. Judy has agreed to be Santa for PK-5th

Action items related to Old Biz:

- 1) Who will oversee hanging art? **PTO**
- 2) Room parents of PK-5th need to discuss with teachers if they want a visit from Santa- **LAURA**

BUDGET:

- 1) Class Parties: Inflation and requirement of food/drinks being store bough (not homemade) and in sealed containers (no open cups) has increased cost of parties. There is concern from some room parents that \$250 per year per class is not enough.
 - a. Possible solutions
 - i. Earmark some of the money raised from DNO to go to class parties. \$1500 from DNO still needs to be allocated to EOY party.
 - ii. Have Lolligram money go to class parties.
 - iii. Room Parents can ask parents for donations. *Remind parents that every \$20 donation counts as 1 volunteer hour. *
- 2) Cookie Budget for plays and concerts:
 - a. Ensuring that everyone who attends the play actually pays to get in can help offset costs of providing free cookies. Ideas to help with this are using Vemno and setting up a prepay website to buy tickets
- 3) Additional Fundraising Ideas:
 - a. Langers as a DNO **KARI AND JESSICA TO REVIEW**
 - b. Advertise the Fred Meyer donation option **LINDSEY**
 - c. Publish INTEL matching instructions again **MONDAY MINUTE/MRS. DUMMER**
- 4) It was suggested that PTO is more specific about how funds from DNO and any other fundraiser will be used e.g. class parties, EOY party etc.

Action items related to Budget:

- 1) See if a prepay option can be set up for Fall play- **KATRINA**
- 2) Look into having a volunteer to accept VENMO- **LINDSEY**
- 3) Check with Britt to see if book fair ended up needing \$100 that was budgeted for it- **LINDSEY**
- 4) Update DNO flyers with more specifics on how money will be used by PTO- **KARI**

FALL FESTIVAL REVIEW

- 1) Need more cotton candy (approx. 175-200 bags next year) and need more hamburger and less hot dogs next year
- 2) Volunteer shifts should be shorter as most folks left before the second shift started or were already done with the games.
- 3) Fr. Bill liked that there were more games to engage kids so they didn't get bored and wander.
- 4) Photos are still being reviewed by Mrs. Dummer to remove photos of families who have not given permission for photos to be public.

Action items related to fall festival:

- 1) None at this time: PTO will review again in June to decide if we will keep the Fall Festival, go back to Trunk or Treat, or do a combo of both.

BOOK FAIR- Britt not present but we discussed pros and cons from those who had already attended:

- 1) 8th grade girls said there aren't as many "non-book items" (pens, notebook, erasers, toy things)
- 2) Price point seems higher on the non-book items
- 3) Need more books geared toward boys
- 4) Too many toddler aged books and not enough to middle school
- 5) Activity kits were a good addition
- 6) Very easy to make donations to the classrooms at check out

Action Items related to Book Fair:

- 1) Explore the idea of having the book fair during coffee and donuts on Sundays after church

FALL PLAY- no update. Corrina not present. 6th grade is in charge of cookies. Laura has been in contact with Anna (6th room parents).

MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE- all volunteer spots are full. Hosted by St. Cecilia. No action items.

SANTA'S WORKSHOP- Carly not present to update.

- 1) Volunteer list is in MM already.
- 2) There will be an option for families to buy a present to be donated to Doernbecher.

Action Items related to Santa's Workshop:

- 1) Include a line for Doernbecher on gifting sheet- **LINDSEY to discuss with CARLY**

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

- 1) All classes other than 3rd and 6th have requested popcorn. 8th grade oversees this.
- 2) Filling bags is time consuming and difficult. Can we use cups?

Action Items related to Christmas Party:

- 1) Pre-purchase popcorn and pick it up- **BRIANNA and KIRSTEN**
- 2) See how many popcorn bags are left in PTO closet and purchase more bags or cups if necessary- **KIRSTEN**

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Meril introduced idea of hosting an all-school science fair or something similar to encourage interest in science in younger grades. Tabled for December meeting due to time. **LINDSEY WILL DISCUSS WITH MRS. DUMMER IN WEEKLY MEETING**
- 2) Idea was introduced to do monthly teacher gifts or little acts of appreciation. Will be discussed in December meeting.

