



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

Meeting called to order @6:30

In attendance: Mari Anne Brocker Curry, Andrea Hawn, Amy Hottman, Amy Benedict, Lanee Reichert, Tessa Prosser, Anna McCormick, David Pollak, Mary Powers, Floyd Fisher, Sarah Juenger, Debbie Davidson, Coartney Siuts, Cristin Gaines, Heidi Kleiss, Annie White, Stephanie Grussing, Jess Robbins

Officers' Reports

- ❖ **Amy** - The fundraiser will be an online raffle using Jot Form. The meat bundles will come from Little Blue's Farm and will ship for free to the winners. There will be a 1st and 2nd place winner, and possibly a 3rd if there is enough interest and there is a smaller bundle option. Amy will email an update later this week. Tickets will be \$10. The committee agreed to there being no limit on the number of tickets people can purchase. The prize bundles for 1st & 2nd place total \$700, so we will break even with 70 tickets sold.
- ❖ **Tessa** - Is anyone interested in serving as President-Elect next year?
- ❖ **Jess - Approval of February minutes** - Motion to approve by Floyd Fisher, seconded by Mari Anne Brocker Curry
- ❖ **Coartney - Treasurer report for February** - Motion to approve by Floyd Fisher, seconded by Jess Robbins

Old & New Business

❖ Committee Reports

- **Update on shirts - Anna** - We have just under \$2000 from sponsors! Still waiting to hear from Jason with Club's Choice
- Jess** - The t-shirt design contest has started. Ms. Hanners has been reminding students in art class. Designs are due before break, but are expecting a few to trickle in after break. Almost all staff and student sizes have been collected, so as soon as the design is voted on, we can submit the order to Underground Printing.
- **Fun Day - Jess** - It will look different this year, but we will try to organize something fun for the students. Mrs. Reichert is asking for feedback from the grade levels about activities and options; she is also checking in with Mts. Gately and public to make sure we follow guidelines. Mrs. Reichert reported that we should be able to use all the open spaces around the building to spread everyone and maybe do activities with buddy classes. We should still be able to have Kona Ice. Unfortunately, right now we are not able to have parent volunteers, and will let us know if that changes.

❖ **Any Other Committee reports**

- **Restaurant Fundraisers - Annie White** - We received \$550 from Monical's. Annie confirmed that they donated about \$70. There won't be the Applebee's fundraiser this year, so Annie reached out to Wayside for a possible fundraiser in mid-April. Committee members were on board with this since Wayside has actively supported us. Industrial Donut also offers a fundraiser with a 20% kickback and was thinking this could be incorporated into Teacher Appreciation Week in May.
- **Teacher Appreciation - Mari Anne Brocker Curry** - We did well off-setting costs for the teacher dinner with parent donations. Mari Anne shared ideas for Teacher Appreciation Week in May, including getting donuts for teachers and other goodies given throughout the week. It was confirmed that treats would be for all staff. The question was brought up if there is typically a meal offered that week. Mrs. Reichert noted that Texas Roadhouse had at one time been provided, and Amy Benedict recalled having Black Dog. These are both buffet style, so Mrs. Reichert reported that she will follow up with teachers to see what they are comfortable with.

❖ **Any Other New Business**

- Anna McCormick did a great job on the bulletin board, which will sadly be her last one. She is ready to pass it on to someone else.
- Annie White inquired if anyone had seen that another school is hosting a virtual trivia night.
- Debbie Davidson shared her appreciation and noted that she often brags to friends of how wonderful our PTO is. She shared that things have been amazing this year and she is proud of the students.
- David Pollak reported in the chat that 3-5 will be prepping for the IAR.

Admin Reports - Mrs. Reichert - Reported that the meal for conferences went well. Mrs. Reichert expressed her appreciation for the computers, which have already arrived and are currently getting ready for use. An update for the 5Essentials Survey was sent out, and asked if we could post it on the PTO Facebook page to encourage parents to complete it. We are currently at 2% and need 20% to get data. Grades 3-5 will take the IAR the week of April 19. Spring pictures are tomorrow. It is likely that we will go back to Interstate Studios next year; the junior high has already switched back. There is new guidance from IDPH, but we will continue to do things as we have been doing them rather than risking a greater number of students needing to be quarantined if there is a positive case. However, the new 3 to 6 feet guidance may be implemented to make Fun Day activities easier to plan.

Mr. Fisher - The yearbook order deadline is March 19. Since this during spring break, Mr. Fisher said he will send out a reminder blast to families.

Motion to adjourn @7:15 by Jess Robbins, seconded by Floyd Fisher

Next Meeting: April 13 @ 6:30PM