

PTO MEETING MINUTES

12/6/2021

1) Meeting called to order

- a. The December meeting was called to order by President Jan Hanson
 - i. No new members present to introduce to the group
- b. Members present: Natasha Sawicki, Janet Bergquist, Anne Earsley, Melanie Biesterfeld, Ann Leifson, Kim Hruby, Amy Krush, Amanda Anstrom, Kerri Benning, Heidi Quinn, Jan Hanson.
- c. Teachers present: Mrs. Axt.

2) Agenda

- a. The December agenda was reviewed by the group.
 - i. No changes or additions to the agenda.
- b. Approval of prior meeting minutes
 - i. The November 2021 minutes were reviewed by the group. Janet B. motioned to approve the minutes as written. Natasha S. seconded. Motion passed unanimously; minutes approved as written.

3) Teacher's report

- a. On behalf of all the teachers, Mrs. Axt says thank you for the gift card Christmas gift. All teachers were very appreciative of the gift cards and the generous amount this year.

4) Officer's report

- a. President's report-many thank you cards were received from the teachers thanking the PTO for the gift cards for Christmas. The high school teachers were especially thankful to be included in the gift card giving this year. High school teachers were included this year to show our appreciation for everything they do.
- b. Vice-president's report-nothing to report
- c. Treasurer's report-Treasurer Ann L. reported a balance of \$2,971.
 - i. Teacher gift cards and DIY ornaments for the festival of lights have been deducted.

5) Old Business

- a. Upper elementary, junior high, & high school band and choir concert bake sale was December 2nd.
 - i. Proceeds from the bake sale totaled \$336.
 - ii. Not many bake goods were donated so most of the proceeds came from cash donations. We are hoping to have a better amount of baked goods donated for the elementary school concert bake sale coming up next week, December 13.
 - iii. Mrs. Haugen's student teacher is finishing up her student teaching this month. She has helped a ton this year with all music, choir, and band

students. Mrs. Haugen was wondering if PTO would like to contribute to a gift of appreciation for all her hard work.

1. Jan H. motioned to purchase a \$50 gift card for the Mrs. Haugen's student teacher. Ann L seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Teacher gift cards and coffee for the staff lounges

- i. All teachers in both the elementary and high school received \$50 gift cards for Christmas.
- ii. Ann L. mentioned the Keurig coffee machine in the elementary staff lounge has stopped working.
 1. Amanda A. motioned to purchase a new Keurig coffee maker for the staff lounge. Carissa Axt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 - a. Ann L. will purchase a new Keurig for the lounge. She will also purchase K cups for both teacher lounges.

6) New Business:

a. Bake Sale at the Elementary music concert December 13

- i. We need to do better advertising/asking for donated baked goods for the bake sales.
 1. We will post a message on Facebook.
 2. All members of PTO, please help spread the word: prepackaged baked goods are needed to make this bake sale a success.
 - a. All proceeds go directly to the music program.

b. Teacher giving tree

- i. Jan H. got the giving tree up with assistance from the teachers. Many ornaments are still on the tree. Each ornament is an item teachers need for their classroom.
- ii. Help spread the word to parents about the giving tree. This is an easy way to get something your child's teacher needs for their classroom for Christmas.
 1. Mrs. Quinn will apply for a Thrivent grant to purchase the left-over items on the tree.

c. Festival of Lights

- i. Ann L. purchased DIY ornaments for the Festival of Lights. A table will be set up for kids to come make ornaments.
- ii. Volunteers will be needed during this event so please come help if you can!

d. Lego club

- i. See attached letter from the Lego Club.
- ii. Mrs. Quinn has requested a donation to help startup costs for the new Lego league.
 1. Lego League is for grades 5th-7th grade.

- iii. Jan H. motioned to donate \$250 to the Lego Club. Natasha seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 - e. Dan's receipts
 - i. Anne E. encourages everyone to keep saving their Dan's receipts. We are getting close to our goal of \$150,000 but still need more. If we reach our goal our school will receive \$1,000.
 - f. Concessions stand update
 - i. Mrs. Bender says all concession stand opportunities are full right now.
 - ii. Mrs. Axt noted right now with food costs its tough to break even after buying the food needed for concessions. She also said the last time they did concessions they made about \$100 in 2 games.
 - iii. PTO has decided if there is a need, or we are asked to do concessions at any upcoming games/tournaments we will help but we won't actively seek to do concessions at this moment.
 - 1. PTO's goal for concessions isn't necessarily to make money; its more about making sure food is available at games.
 - g. Winter coat/hat/gloves drive at the basketball games on December 9 & 10
 - i. This event is sponsored by the Wilton-Wing Sports Boosters.
 - ii. Please bring new or gently used winter items or a monetary donation to the games.
 - 1. More community events like this are in the works and PTO wants to get involved. The Wilton community school liaison worker plans to come to the next meeting to share some of her ideas.
 - h. Fun Friday!
 - i. PTO wants to start a program called "Fun Friday" where we bring in goodies for the kids on Friday.
 - 1. Bring ideas on fun things we can do for students on a "Fun Friday" to the next meeting.
 - i. Popcorn Fundraiser
 - i. Anne E. will bring more information on the popcorn fundraiser to the next meeting.
- 7) Next meeting:
- a. January 3rd, 7pm in the cafeteria
 - b. Theme: to be announced
- 8) Meeting adjourned by President Jan Hansen