

PTO MEETING MINUTES

10/3/2022

1) Meeting called to order

- a. The October meeting was called to order by President Anne Earsley.
 - i. No new members present to introduce to the group.
- b. Members present: Natasha Sawicki, Jan Hansen, Heidi Quinn, Ann Leifson, Erika Engstrom, Autumn Bowers, Kim Hruby, Jen Garlie, Amanda Anstrom, Melanie Biesterfeld, Amy Krush, Sherry Wald, Billi Wolf.
- c. Teachers present: Mrs. Mears

2) Agenda

- a. The October agenda was reviewed by the group.
 - i. No changes or additions to the agenda.

3) Approval of prior meeting minutes

- a. The September 2022 minutes were reviewed by the group. Ann L. motioned to approve the minutes as written. Amy K. seconded. Motion passed unanimously; minutes approved as written.

4) Teacher's report

- a. On behalf of the school, Mrs. Mears thanked the PTO for their participation in the homecoming parade. Everyone loved that we participated and loved the float. They also really appreciated the 'letter the lawn' décor we purchased for homecoming (see last page for pictures).

5) Officer's report

- a. President's report- Mrs. Knutson sent a thank you card for the painted chair we donated to the teacher prep party. Mrs. Knutson loved it and has it in her classroom.
- b. Vice-president's report-nothing new to report
- c. Treasurer's report-Ann L. reported a balance of \$3,794.41
 - i. Ann also reported concessions during volleyball games are going well. The first night profit was \$241.85 and the second night we made \$216.95.

6) Old Business

- a. NASA Night, October 11, 6-8pm. A sign-up genius is available online to sign up to help. Volunteers are still needed for treats, set up, and tear down.
- b. Parent teacher conference meals are set. The County Line will do both meals for the same price as last year, \$250 a night.
 - i. PTO will need to supply bowls and spoons for the first dinner.
 - ii. If you can help serve, please sign up online using the sign-up genius. Volunteers are still needed.
- c. The homecoming parade float was a huge success. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped with this project.
 - i. Note for the next parade, we need way more candy!

7) New Business:

- a. Mrs. Quinn has requested the donation of a \$50 Visa gift card to give as the grand prize for the library's fall reading incentive program.
 - i. This program will be school wide. Every student will receive a map requiring them to read a certain number of books. Once they complete the map the map will go in the 'treasure chest' for the grand prize drawing. Students can complete as many maps as they would like for more entries into the drawing.
 - ii. Kim H. motioned to approve the request for a Visa gift card. Ann L. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. Family Fun Night at the school will be November 15.
 - i. Purpose is to get families into the school to vote.
 - ii. Location will be either the cafeteria or the gym.
 - 1. Depending on space we would like to have inflatables and games.
 - 2. PTO will contact the Wilton Lions Club to see if they would like to help with this event.
 - iii. PTO would like to provide a free will donation meal.
 - 1. Idea for the meal is tacos in a bag.
- c. PTO sponsored guest speakers:
 - i. Throughout the last year we've talked about inviting various guest speakers to the school. We now have the funds to do this thanks to the Dan's Receipts program.
 - ii. Anne Earsely suggested Melissa Ahonen. Melissa Ahonen is a ND native who speaks on self-love, confidence, and believe in oneself.
 - 1. Melissa also published the book "It's Great to be me." It was suggested that PTO could purchase this book for each classroom. The total for all the books would be about \$374.00
 - 2. Kim H. motioned to approve guest speaker Melissa Ahonen and to purchase her book for each classroom. Ann L. seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
 - iii. A guest speaker geared towards high school students was also proposed.
 - 1. One suggestion was Hunter Pinke. Hunter is a motivational speaker who focuses on living your life with no bad days.
 - 2. More information on this speaker to come next month.
- d. Fall fundraisers:
 - i. Anne E. will contact Poppin Popcorn as a possible fall fundraiser.
 - 1. Hoping to get this going in time for the Family Fun Night in November. Would like to have samples on hand that night to generate interest.
 - ii. Jan H. is planning a craft night at her house October 28th at 7:00 pm.
 - 1. Craft will be homemade door hangers like the ones made at Wild In Wilton.

- 8) Next meeting:
 - a. November 7th, 7pm
- 9) Meeting adjourned by President Anne Earsley.

Homecoming 2022:

