

MINUTES

Seventh District Elementary PTA

November 15, 2022 | 6:00 PM
PTA Monthly Meeting

Jamie Cross, Heather Denmyer, Jennifer Duftler, Rob Elligson, Britt Fischer, Emily Fogle, Brooke Folmer, Lori Goodman, Cathy Horton, Michelle Milam, Lynn Recchia, Maura Simms, Karen Skelley

Call To Order: Maura Simms – 6:05pm

Approval of Minutes: Rob E. moved to approve the minutes from 10/13 with correction of changing Craft Fair date from 12/5 to 12/3. Michelle M. seconded and the motion was passed.

Board

Maura Simms, President; Karen Skelley & Jessica Armacost, Vice-Presidents; Emily Fogle & Britt Fischer Secretaries; Brooke Folmer, Treasurer

Principal's Report (Heather Denmeyer)

- Awesome turnout from the Fall Fest, and a thank you note for Nicole Smith will follow.
 - American Education Week has good turnout thus far. Not as many as expected but solid turnout and the designated days and times for grades is working well.
 - Friday 11/18 is Wacky Tacky Day. Will send a communication to explain that it is a mismatch/clashing dress day.
 - One teacher "ask" from the PTA is for a moveable partition wall in her 5th grade classroom. If ordered through school, it must be requested and processed through the office of logistics and costs approximately \$2,900. If purchased through PTA it can be bought via Amazon (approximately \$959) or elsewhere for cheaper. Michelle M. mentioned her husband works for a company that sells partitions and he may be able to get it at cost for the PTA.
 - Karen S. made a motion to use \$1,000 from the PTA Budget "Equipment, Furniture & Supplies" (currently \$2,000 available). Lori G. seconded the motion.
 - An "ask" from the Principal is to organize a Grandparent's Day in the Spring. Perhaps organize an assembly with it, or coordinate it with a Spring Book Fair so Grandparents can browse and shop with students. (Scholastic will offer a bonus if we schedule another book fair in Spring). Things to consider for Grandparent's Day is there could be 4 grandparents as well as parents for each student, so multiple visiting days or time slots could be necessary. Parking at the church nearby with a shuttle may be an option as well.
 - Principal Denmyer and Vice Principal Horton have been working with Mr. McDonald on many things such as getting the court fixed, mulch delivered, seed and straw, modular building erosion fixed, signage for the building, etc. The school is very invested in the safety of our buildings and have had environmental specialists review our school house and the modular buildings as well.
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Treasurer's Report (Brooke Folmer)

- October is resolved with corporate and individual donations that came in. We are ahead in individual donations as compared to last year.
- In September there were \$1,400 in member dues and in October \$220. Brooke will double check the PayPal invoices for member dues.
- Fall Fest budget is resolved.
- Craft Fair made \$146 in October; there were \$250 in expense for Janitor
- Desserts with Dad and Book Fair were all keyed in
- Under the Equipment budget there was \$382 spent for magnets as discussed in last meeting. Magnets were distributed to the new kindergarten families and the front office has more to distribute as needed (additional are in supply closet as well).

New Business and Updates (Maura Simms)

- Holiday Craft Fair - Emily Fogle: There is a meeting at Stonebridge Grill on 11/21 at 6pm to further plan for the Craft Fair. Of the 20 booths available in the gym, about 17-18 vendors are committed. There is still room for more vendors if we want to expand into the library space. Emily will begin advertising on Facebook this week and mention other local craft fairs (The Farmyard, Blue Star Farm, etc.) being held the same day in effort to draw more people in from the community. Middle and High school students will assist as volunteers for the event – Lori G. offered to help recruit and coordinate volunteers. Emily's husband may help to direct traffic and parking at the Craft Fair. There will be a free craft table for children, using last year's surplus of supplies. There may be more in the closet, or possibly order some from Oriental Trading. The Plant Sale items will be picked up during the Craft Fair (10a-2p) as well, which hopefully draws in those folks to shop too. (plants will be received that Friday night)
- Holiday Plant Sale - Emily Fogle: Deadline from White House Nursery to order is 11/16 by end of day – will send a final reminder for additional orders. As of meeting time there were 12 orders in which is about the same as last year.
- Bookfair - Maura Simms: Was very successful with \$13k in sales, closed out today 11/15. Budget shows we made \$2,000 from the Book Fair and \$2,500 in Scholastic Dollars. There is a bonus offered by Scholastic if we do a Spring Book fair (possibly to combine with a Grandparent's Day event).
- Spirit Nights – Maura Simms on behalf of Jessica Armacost: Sportsman Hall Roller Rink event on 1/16/2023 which is on MLK Jr. Day when schools are closed. Will follow up with Jessica to see if this is a day time or evening event as that would change participant levels for adults who work during the day. A Chik-fil-A event in Shrewsbury, date TBD. In February a Casa Mia's event, date TBD. Around May 2 / Cinco de Mayo time, there will be a Mo's Taco Box event. There are other pending events for various months, to be announced.
- Dough Run Holiday Sale – Michelle Milam: Last year's same fundraiser was successful as it allowed folks to purchase things like rolls, gruffins, cookies, etc. for the holidays.

Work is still being done on the menu and prices but will have it before Thanksgiving. The Dough Run pickup will probably be 12/23 at the park and ride like it was last year.

- Teacher Supply / Enrichment Requests – Jen Duftler:
 - Two requests for books for professional development needs. First, “Uncovering the Logic of English” is on Amazon for \$11.50 each and the ask is for 27 books for reading teachers and paraeducators. Second, “Shifting the Balance” is for the Kindergarten through 2nd grade teachers and special education teachers. They’re \$17.09 (which is a big discount from normal pricing) and the ask is for 12 copies. Total enrichment request is \$546.57.
 - Britt made a motion to buy the books from “Books & Periodicals” budget. Emily seconded the motion. Currently there is \$2k in the budget minus \$300 just spent earlier today
 - A request from the kindergarten teachers for new Listening Centers at \$149 each. Request is for four; one for each kinder class and one for Ms. Blevins.
 - Emily made a motion to approve from the \$2k “Classroom Enrichment” budget, Brooke seconded the motion.
- Parent’s Night Out – Maura Simms on behalf of Jessica Armacost: Jessica will start recruiting for help and schedule planning meetings starting in January. The PNO will be in April/May. Location is TBD.
- MNF Door Decorating – Maura: Room parents and teachers will decorate doors by 12/12 and voting will begin on 12/16. Students can bring money in to vote via the cups in the library. Money is given directly to My Neighbor’s Foundation to help families in need of many things. A check will be given to MNF on 12/22, the last day before Winter Break. This year’s theme is the FIFA World Cup (soccer) which is held in Qatar. The teachers can decorate their doors based on a participating World Cup country. Communication will go out now to the teachers about the theme and dates so they can organize with the room parents. Also, if anyone knows of families or students in need, escalate to Mrs. Vassar who will communicate with MNF and those families to see if help can be provided.

Miscellaneous

- Rec Council – Rob Elligson: Recently kicked off basketball, taekwondo, and indoor soccer to come. Still working on getting the LEGO club back in action. There have been a few new volunteers for the Rec Council which is great. Still in need of a Treasurer; Mrs. Denmyer offered to make a community announcement to advertise the ask.
- Art Club – Lori Goodman: The response for Art Club was amazing with 130 students signed up! Mrs. Goodman is trying out some new clay and will let us know if she needs any more of it.

- Robotics Club – Michelle Milam: Mrs. Burke and Mrs. Murphy might need items donated to the Robotics club.
- Camp Invention – Michelle Milam: This is a 1 week summer camp. It was advised that it should be run through the Rec Council; Rob E. said he will bring it up at the next meeting and invite Michelle M. to attend as well. They would need a chairperson to run the summer camp

Committee Reports / Upcoming Events

Upcoming Events

- Holiday Craft Fair: 12/5

This meeting was officially adjourned at 7:20 P.M.