

## MINUTES

## Seventh District Elementary PTA

December 13, 2022 | 6:00 PM  
PTA Monthly Meeting

Jessica Armacost, Miriam Barnhart, Becky Burrs, Jennifer Coulby, Heather Denmyer, Rob Elligson, Britt Fischer, Emily Fogle, Brooke Folmer, Lori Goodman, Cathy Horton, Michelle Milam, Maura Simms, Sonia Talbot

**Call To Order:** Maura Simms – 6:06pm

**Approval of Minutes:** Brooke moved to approve the minutes from 11/15; Michelle 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)

- Both recent concerts were great and the participants and guests had a nice time.
- Author Jonathan Schu visited grades 2-5 and he was very impressed with the schoolhouse's family atmosphere. Huge thank you to Lauren Layden and Lori Goodman for organizing the event and creating corresponding Art lessons themed to his visit. If K and 1<sup>st</sup> grade want to organize an event next year, they should plan to contact Mr. Schu early. Mrs. Layden contacted him in Summer 2021 for a Fall 2022 visit date, and he was quite booked up even by then.
- Fun week and days ahead; Pajama Spirit Day is on Friday 12/16. There's an ask for the PTA to help host a teacher/staff luncheon for next week. There is a school-only holiday sing along with Mrs. Moiles in the cafeteria the morning of 12/21. Santa will visit on a fire truck and may hand out candy canes. At this time Maura will also present the Holiday Door Decorating fundraiser check to My Neighbor's Foundation.
- Facilities work for school grounds is on the calendar but most work cannot be done in Winter months, so it's slated for Spring.
- Holiday Craft Fair was a success, vendors were happy and most asked to return for next year's event and/or another Craft Fair if we decide to host one in the Spring as well. Kudos to Emily and her committee as she did a fantastic job organizing every detail.

### Treasurer's Report (Brooke Folmer)

- PTA received a Benevity (corporate match) donation from an anonymous person for \$500. Amazon Smile donations were \$36. Book Fair was \$580. Parent's Night Out monies from Big Truck Brewery last year are finally received and resolved on the budget. Fall Fest brought in \$555 and \$81 from Kona Ice. The money from the yearbook/Jostens, the Holiday Craft Fair and Plant Sale is all resolved. The expenses

from Paypal, Member Hub, books for the teacher enrichment request and Desserts with Dad are also all accounted for.

- There are two scholarships for \$1k each that will be addressed in the Spring for two Hereford High students on the budget radar as well.
- There was a mention that Venmo now offers an option for nonprofits, so we may consider moving to one platform only instead of currently using Member Hub and PayPal.
- Motion to approve the budget, first by Jessica, second by Britt.

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## **New Business and Updates (Maura Simms)**

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- The Robotics Club – Maura Simms: the club updated their funding request. Originally Ms. Murphy asked for approximately \$300 but when detailed further and using the Vex Robotics pricing, the funding request is now \$1,630.96. This will take care of many parts such as robot brains, controllers, batteries, wheels, add-on packs, and more. The Robotics Club won't participate in a competition this year but hopefully in the future. Most of these parts can be re-used year to year, with the exception of things that naturally run out like batteries.
  - Previously PTA made a donation of \$500 to Robotics Club from the "Supplies" section of the Budget.
  - This year the Rec Council would like to assist with donating some of their funds as well. Rob advised the Rec Council would like to approve the difference needed for the full funding of the Robotics Club.
  - The club donation will cover the group of about 60-80 students in the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades.
  - Jessica suggested that we allow a sponsorship option for the Robotics Club on Member Hub, but that is not allowed, only a direct donation can be made.
  - Jessica mentioned she has a contact in the National Robotics program if we want to reach out for guest speaker interest.
  - Jessica motioned to approve the \$500 PTA donation to Robotics Club, Emily seconded the motion to approve.
- Art Club – Mrs. Goodman: requested \$380 for supplies. Art Club has 130 students spread across a few sessions (about 25 students per session). Mrs. Goodman is repurposing and using previous supplies as well to keep the Art Club budget ask low. PTA will approve this ask under the "Other" section of the budget.
- November Updates – Maura Simms: Maura purchased the previously requested room dividers and listening stations, which are currently in transit/shipment to her house so they don't arrive at school over Winter Break.
- First Grade requests – Jessica Armacost: Students need two class sets of clocks and replacement ink pads. Mrs. Denmyer advised that Barb Balestrini will look for clocks as we may already have some at the schoolhouse in storage. For the ink pads, Jessica will go back and get a cost estimate. The cost could go under "Classroom Enrichment" under the budget or perhaps be paid via Teacher Reimbursement.

- Cornhole Boards – Brooke Folmer: Per Brooke, Tyler Folmer is proposing a \$2,300 ask for five custom 7DE sets of cornhole boards, bags and score columns. These could be used for fundraisers, school events, recess, PE, start a cornhole club, tournaments, etc. Concern is for the sets to be misused, not put away properly, pieces lost, etc. Also this is not a good recess option for those reasons as well as not enough time. The topic of new boards is tabled for now.
- Cafeteria Games - Mrs. Denmyer: on behalf of Karen Skelley's previous idea; to have various board games or cards available to 'check out' in the cafeteria for those students who finish lunch quickly and want to stay engaged. Suggestion was made to create a Wish List of games that parents could donate or buy, as well as snap bins for them to be stored
- Spirit Nights –Jessica Armacost:
  - Chik-fil-A Spirit Night in Shrewsbury, Tuesday 1/10
  - Sportsman Hall Roller Rink event will be on Sunday 1/15/2023 from 1-7pm. PTA receives \$4 back from every rental/ticket
  - Casa Mia's event, date in February is TBD.
  - Mo's Taco Box event on 3/21. There is a \$15 delivery fee and a minimum of 20 orders which we are confident will be reached.
  - Woodfire Kitchen event, date TBD
  - SkyZone Trampoline Park event, date TBD
  - Titanium Athletics event, date TBD but perhaps a drop-off date night option for parents around Valentine's Day
  - Parent's Night Out planning will begin in January. Jessica will set up committees to plan. Please advise if you're interested in joining the committee. Possible locations are Big Truck Brewery, Inverness, a winery, Greystone (but tickets are required). PNO will be held in April/May, date TBD.
- Sweetheart Dance – Maura Simms: In need of a person to coordinate the event planning. Event would be parents and children, with a DJ, dancing, snack, themed décor, craft and photos. Date is 2/10 the Friday before Valentine's Day. We would sell tickets and offer a sibling discount ticket as well. The DJ must have Baltimore County vendor insurance. Can be a theme such as Candy Land, Neon, Glow in the Dark, Under the Sea, Under the Stars, etc. The last time it was held, the dance had a profit of \$1,100. There was a great turnout for this event in the past.

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## Miscellaneous

- Rec Council – Rob Elligson: Recently kicked off basketball, taekwondo, indoor soccer, running. Roller skating and LEGO club to come as well as theatre club and discounted Hershey Park tickets.
  - Grandparents Day is still something to consider, to be held in the Spring just prior to Spring Break. Need to arrange parking at the Redeemer Church on Downes Road and arrange bus transportation via Whitcraft. Perhaps Lifetouch or Tina Mace can be available for photos with the grandparents. Also Nikki Frederick (Melissa Cavender's sister) may be a photographer option as well.
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## Committee Reports / Upcoming Events

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### Upcoming Events

- Dough Run sales through 12/15 and pick up is on 12/23
- February's PTA date is changed from Valentine's Day 2/14 to be held on 2/7 instead.
- Door Decorating contests start official voting on 12/16. Students can bring in cash or checks each day and deposit in the cups for their favorite doors. Cash is counted daily by Maura. All proceeds go to My Neighbor's Foundation, check is presented on 12/22.

This meeting was officially adjourned at 7:38pm. Jessica motioned to adjourn, and Rob seconded the motion.