

Jane Stenson PTA

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Attendees: Lucie Nonah, Anna Kramer, Keval Amin, Stephanie Azen, Rondell Merrill, Stephanie Geissler, Sol Luskin, Wendy Gahm, Wannapa Eubanks, Karalee Robb, Vanessa Schneider, Sue O'Neil, Katie McNelley, Jenny Kane, Lisa Flood, Trina Janes, Kerry Hieber, Jen Ruffner, Merna Ishak, Liuxue Sun, Cyndi Stevens, Kandace Luskin,

Call to Order and Welcome: The PTA meeting was called to order at 6:50PM.

Nominating Committee: Sol Luskin was nominated and was unanimously voted in to replace Bonnie Ognisanti who stepped down as secretary.

Secretary's report: (review May 2017 minutes, gain membership's approval) Sol Luskin asked the members to review the minutes from the May 2017 meeting. Stephanie motioned for approval and Keval Seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's report: Vanessa Schneider (review YTD financial statements to July 31st & gain membership's approval) Reviewed year-end (July 31) financial report. Wendy moved to approve the budget Jen seconded. The report was unanimously approved.

Audit Report: Trina Janes, Kaval Amin, Karalee Robb (**gain membership's approval**) The audit committee reported that the past financials were all correct. Kandace Luskin motioned to approve and Steph seconded the audit report. The report was unanimously approved.

Budget report: Vanessa Schneider (2017-2018 budget, gain membership's approval) Vanessa Schneider shared the proposed budget. Kandace motioned to approve the budget report and Stephanie seconded the motion to approve the 2017-2018 budget and it was approved unanimously.

President's report: Kandace Luskin

- A. Use Remind 101 to hear about upcoming PTA events via text messages
- B. Prepack was made possible by Jenny Kane, Steph Azen, and Vanessa Schneider. The same supplier will not be used next year.
- C. Committee Chairs- We need more committee chairs: one to attend district board meetings and one to consider new ideas to raise money for the school

Principal's report: Sue O'Neil gave the Principal's Report

- A. Coffee was a great way to build comradery for the school community
- B. We are down about 10 students from last year but new students are still arriving.
- C. New Staff additions reviewed last meeting
- D. Staff News: Ms. Goetz had a baby, Lucy. Katie Russ had a baby boy, Jake. Ms. McNelley is getting married in November!
- E. Facility: The building is ready to go and the makerspace is ready for everyone.
- F. Fall Fest: This Thursday rain or shine, will be held in the Junior High if it rains.

Committee reports

- o **Membership (on-going) Wendy Gahm: School fees and PTA dues have not yet been received and we are unable to gauge membership at this time. The hope is that the majority of past PTA members join and pay the same time as the school fees are due. Fees will remain at \$10/family.**
- o **Beautification committee: Sue O'Neill: Create a mural on the south wall (long term goal). Another idea was a Peace Pole. The district would need a proposal to ensure we are not requiring a significant financial contribution from the district. Monies could potentially come from the village, Illinois Arts Council, District, and Jane Stenson.**
- o **Original Works (10/13) Wendy Gahm: A fundraiser for students to create artwork. Online gallery will be available to showcase different types of artwork. Letters will go home with students explaining the Original Works fundraiser. Excellent holiday gifts!**
- o **Room Parents (on-going) Stephanie Azen: Room parents help primarily with three parties a year: Halloween, Holiday, and Valentine's Day. Parent volunteers still needed for Sarangan, Phillippose, and McNelley. We are still in need for library volunteers, a 1-2 time per month commitment.**

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- **Child Care (on-going) Lisa Flood: Mia and Taylor, volunteers, will be available from last year. The budget allows for up to three people allowing for a backup person.**
- **Pre-Pack Sale (beginning and end of year) Jenny Kane: We need a new volunteer for pre-pack**
- **Lou Malnati's (9/11-9/29) Priya Amin: Flyers will be sent out with students on Friday and money will be accepted for 2 weeks. Please buy more than one and place it in your freezer! Certificates are \$13 and \$5 goes to the PTA**
- **Restaurant Nights (9/26) Potbelly – Michelle Mallari: 20% of the proceeds goes to Stenson, anyone who purchases food will be donating from 5pm-8pm. Make sure to mention your order is to go towards the PTA.**
- **Spirit Wear (9/25-10/13) Karalee Robb: Will have a flyer sent home September 25th. Colored flyers will be available to demonstrate the Spirit Wear versus printing a physical example. Suggested to order a size up.**
- **Book Fair (10/5&6, 2/1&2) Rondell Merrill: This year it will be held on a Thursday evening and all-day Friday during conferences. We need volunteers on Thursday to set up for a 5-8:30 and again Friday from 8:15 to 3:30.**
- **Family Fun Night (10/19) Yashwini Rana & Raz Claudon**
- **Cultural Arts (beginning of year) Wannapa Eubanks and Bonnie Ognisanti: Acts for the school Assembly are being researched and hopefully booked.**
- **Box Tops for Education (on-going) Amy Van Aelst: Numbers have declined due to less items providing box tops. Ask your neighbors to place box tops in zip lock bags**
- **Board of Education (on-going – next meeting September 14 at 7:00pm) TBD Still need a representative volunteer to attend the meeting**
- **Craft Fair (11/18) Stephanie Geissler: Stephanie is looking for a new member to help chair. Last year raised about a \$1000 dollar more than the previous year. We already have 2 vendors signed up ahead of time. Please spread the word for attendees and vendors**
- **Family Fun Night (10/25) 6:30-7:30 Yashwini Rana and Raz Claudon: A WERQ instructor will teach a lesson and incorporate a dance at the end for the students**
- **Family Game Night (1/25/18) Michelle Harris: Held in the multipurpose room with pizza followed by activities in the gym**
- **Savers (3/10) Trina Janes: Saturday March 10 12-2 please save all of your potential Good Will, Salvation Army donations. We get paid to get rid of your donations (clothing and toys). Money goes towards Angel Fund less \$100 for the PTA.**
- **Silent Auction (3/8/18) Jen Ruffner: Looking for additional members to procure items, event planning, and for support the day of. Last year we made \$6500. Make sure to bid bid and bid on auction items!**
- **International Night: Priya & Bonnie- Will be held in April**
- **5th Grade Party (TBD) Michelle Harris and Rondell Merrill: The annual bowling pizza party will occur at the end of the school year. In past years the event has been held at Pinstripes. More information to follow in February or March.**
- **Ice Cream Day (6/5/18) Anna Kramer: Happy day for everyone. More information to follow....**
- **Word from the teachers (Katie McNelley & Cyndi Stevens) Will give an email to staff and allow for planning their attendance**

Unfinished business or new business. : Supt sent out note for the Strategic Planning Committee on Oct 28 to identify goals for the district for the next several years. There is an application attached to Supt. Garwood's email.

Upcoming events

Wendy moved to adjourn. Rondell seconded. Meeting closed at 8:11

- Fall Fest – Sept 8
- No school – Sept 13
- School picture day – Sept 15
- Board of Ed meeting: Sept 15, 7pm
- Restaurant Night – Potbelly – Sept 22
- Lou Malnati's orders due – Sept 23
- Spirit wear Orders Start – Sept 26
- Next PTA meeting Oct 3rd @ 6:45