Pontiac William Holliday PTO

General Meeting

Date: February 20, 2018 Location: William Holliday

Meeting called to order by: Kelly Monroe Time: 6:04 p.m.

I. Call to Order

Minutes from November meeting were presented to be read. A motion was made to accept the minutes as written. Joni Garrett made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Jeanette Bermudez seconded. Motion carried.

II. Treasurer's Report

Presented by Wendy Robertson.

Opening balance (1/15/2018) =$16, 873.55

Ending balance (2/19/2018) = $17, 313.30

Income:

- Trivia Night netted just over $1200

Expenses:

- 8th grade field trip to Springfield ($566)
- Class Party fees
- Sponsorship for Character Crawl ($150 Character Brick Sponsor)

Comment: What did we make last year at Trivia Night? *PTO Board will check and have that information at next meeting. It was noted that we did sell more tables this year than last.*

Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report: Joni Garrett

Second: Maura Hettenhausen

Motion Carried.

III. Funds Request

- **$50 Girls Basketball Regional Championship Game** – allowed 1st twenty-five students in for free to support our girls basketball team (board approved via email)
- **8th grade Social Studies Field Trip (requested by Jennifer Burnett)** – $566 for an educational field trip to Springfield, IL (board approved via email)
- **Character Crawl** – $150 Character Brick Sponsor (board approved via email)
- **6th grade Cardinals Academic Program Field Trip** (requested by 6th grade teachers) -- requesting $500 to defer cost for each child. Students will visit Stadium and participate in curricular-based classes
    - Andy Dippolito made a motion to approve fund request. Jeanette Bermudez seconded. Motion Carried.

IV. Old Business

- **Valentine Parties-** mostly went well, snack was not what we thought it would be (wanted slushies, ended up with veg. Juice that kids did not like). PTO will have to seek out alternative options for future snacks since district no longer has a food service director to assist in ordering treats for parties.
    - COMMENT: please continue to provide snack at parties. Even if there is no room parent, at least the teachers will have a snack to accompany their last minute party plans
- **Breakfast with Santa –** great success!! Had 197 RSVP with an additional 50 at the door! Netted $833 for this event (which is traditionally not a fundraiser, but provided as a service to our district families)
    - It is the board's recommendation to NOT use Penguin Patch as the future vendor for "Santa Shoppe" gifts as their merchandise is pretty low-end. Next year, we recommend returning to Tribout's, where there is more work involved, since you have to pick out items, but at least it's local and you know in advance the quality of the merchandise.
- **Fundraiser Nights** – Our fundraiser nights have been fairly successful with Sky Zone being a HUGE success! Moving forward, we will have two more before the end of the year. March will most likely be Chipotle as they gift the most back to our PTO. This time, we will send paper reminders home as going paperless in the Fall hurt our profit. In April, we will be at Cherry Berry.
- **Quarterly Teacher/Staff Birthday Celebration** – Very much appreciated by staff. We are seeing an increase in parent involvement – probably due to having them quarterly instead of monthly
- **Trivia Night** – overall success! Event netted over $1200

V. New Business

- **Family Movie Night** – we will be showing Moana in the William Holliday Dome this Friday, Feb. 23rd. This is a FREE event -- doors open at 6 pm, movie starts at 6:30 pm. Low cost snacks and drinks will be available for purchase. Families are encouraged to bring blankets, pillows, and wear PJs.
- **Family Dance** -- This event will be held in March. We are sticking with our 80s theme, since parents may already have an outfit ready (from Trivia Night) and we have decorations available at no additional cost.
    - We need DIY decoration ideas! Suggestions from discussion included balloon arch, rent old video games from Slackers?, rubik's cube walkway
- **Book Fair** – Our book fair will be the week of April 27th. The theme is "Paws to Read" with a cat/dog theme. We are hoping to include another Doughnut and shop morning due to the Fall Book Fair's huge success with this event. Mrs. McMahon has offered her gym to house the book fair this time, as there will be more space to move about. We are also considering a grandparent or special friend day and will have tables set up in the gym and provide a low cost (or free?) hot dog and chip lunch to attendees. This will be a BOGO fair so great

opportunities for some low-priced items. A sign up genius will come out prior to the event to seek out volunteers to help at the book fair during DAY SHIFTS.

- **Officer Positions Available --** We are actively looking for new applicants to serve on our PTO board, while some board members will remain, Kelly Monroe will be stepping down as president. ANYONE interested should email the PTO board at pto@pwh105.org Nominations will be due in March with elections in April.

VI. Other Business

- **Parent/Teacher Suggestions**
  - Trivia Night -- a recommendation was made to have an extroverted parent or teacher walk around and sell 50/50 raffle tickets. McKendree volunteers are not as vocal about or committed to raising money for our school PTO.
  - Trivia Night - perhaps created an "adult drink basket" to be auctioned off as well. You would need a point-of-contact who could pick up beverages as these could not be collected at school.
  - What happened to all of the parents that signed up at the beginning of the year to help with classroom parties? There were several classes who did not have a parent willing to put together a party. What can we do differently to recruit more parents to help with or at least plan these parties?

VII. Attendance Prize

- Simone Connors won the attendance prize - a gift certificate to Firehouse Subs

VIII. Adjourn

- A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Andy DIppolito made a motion to adjourn. Joni Garrett seconded. Motion carried.
- Meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

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Upcoming Dates

Family Movie Night - Feb. 23rd - 6:30 pm

Restaurant Fundraiser Night - March 15th

Family Dance - March 23rd

Next General Meeting: Tuesday, Mar. 13th @ 4 p.m. in the William Holliday Cafeteria (babysitting will be provided) - Election Nominations Requested.

- Check out our PTO Website for everything you need to know to stay connected: http://pwhpto.weebly.com/
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