

PTA Meeting Minutes 5/14/19

Meeting commenced at 6:10

In attendance: Stacey Free, Rachael Van Fleet, Wendy Wooth, Amy Crump, Brandy Stoffel, Keri Taff, Sarah Robertson, Angel Harris

Keri Taff moved to approve last month's minutes, Brandy Stoffel seconded.

Treasurer's Report:

- \$1700 check from McMEnamin's dine out
- \$4200 over budget for fundraising this year
- Completely used up tech fund
- Garden club has funds remaining
- Budget meeting was held two weeks ago, budget is not quite ready to be voted on, but we have lots of funds to use for things. Per PTA guideline, we should have \$18,000-\$21,000 in reserve. We have about \$40,000 right now. We want to spend this money and use it, but want to make sure we spend it on things that are really needed. We would like to give a teacher grant to each teacher, ie \$200. That way they don't have to worry about coming to PTA with funding requests and have to have discussion and voting. The money for each teacher would be held in the front office.
- Ideas of things we could spend our money on:
 - Library: \$20,000 estimate from designer to completely bring library up to awesomeness. Amy proposed using about \$5,000 to give it a makeover. Need to talk with students, staff, and parents to get input. Think about forming a small committee, do we have people in the school, architects, designers, etc. that could advise? Start with paint job, though this may be something that the district covers. Also start with replacing tables; ours are big and heavy, and something portable and easy to configure would be nice. Dana Zachary redesigned the middle school library and is helping advise. Rolling bookshelves would be nice. It would be cheaper to have someone build them. Could we buy materials and give someone a project in the woodshop at one of the high schools? We could also do a mural painted by students here.
 - Core knowledge: We want to schedule a core knowledge consultant early next school year. We do have \$5,000 in budget this year; paying in advance would make next year's budget easier but that might be hard to swing.
 - Could we think about the staff room, new table/chairs would make a huge difference. The tables are too big for the space.
- Funding Requests:

- June 15th pool party Sat. 6-8 pm will be a family event, no drop offs. We will have some ice cream sandwiches and popsicles to hand out. Approved. \$600
- Music teacher for xylophones; she submitted various proposals ranging from \$3000-\$6000. Right now students are sharing, and this would allow students to have their own instrument. How will they be stored, do we need a bookshelf or case or something to store them? She has been borrowing instruments from Adams and Jefferson. How did they get them, did the district pay for them? We don't want to pay for something that the district should be providing. She could potentially write up a foundation grant to get them. We will gather more information and vote next meeting.

Standing Committee Reports:

- Dine outs- McMenamin's was a huge success!
- Box tops- being sent in. \$8.05 check received, but we still have a lot sitting in the box to send in. We can send an email blast with last call for box tops.
- Garage sale- Amy made a flyer; it's at the printers. It will be held on Saturday, June 1, with the gym open for donations the Friday before, from 1:30-6:00. We were going to have an ice cream social the night before but will not do that after all. The doors will open for the garage sale at 8:00 am Sat. We will not designate that it is for the DC trip because next years trip is still a little unsure. That way it can be used for anything. We will need a lot of volunteers! St Vincent de Paul will come at the end of the day and load up anything not sold. Amy is advertising on craigslist, etc., and we will have Square so that we can take credit cards.
- Popcorn Friday, one more before the end of the year
- Food pantry, used every day. Mika is the organizer and is doing a fantastic job. She will do it next year.
- Staff appreciation lunch, Brandy Stoffel organized this year. Done for the year. Joy has been coordinating all the signups for bringing food.
- Beautification, Alice and Brooke have organized this year. May 4 was beautification day, lots of weeding! Lots of kids came, lots of families. Next year we should involve City Serve, a yearly event that calls for volunteers to beautify schools, churches, and other community places.
- Garden club- two smaller groups this spring.
- Book fair May 29-June 4. Mandy Martin is running this year. Heidi Herring will take over for next year.

Old business:

- Love and logic for teachers: Two sessions so far, and the 24th is last one this year. We will want more books next year for new staff, and will start over in the fall and do it for everyone. We will probably need to bump the budget for next year up to \$2500.

- Bussing- In 2018 Amy went to the school board and spoke about bringing bussing to Franklin, as we are the only school without bussing. She asked for a central bussing system something like Muddy Creek has, and had promised this to us for the 2019-20 school year. But was not negotiated for in the new contract with the bus company for next year.

New Business:

- The band program for next year is moving forward. Amy has coordinated with the Jefferson PTA, and our 4th and 5th graders are welcome to join their band. The BGC bus goes there, and the district transportation person has approved them riding the bus. There may be a small fee since their PTA pays for the band program. They are happy to include our kids since their numbers are down a little. We just need to work out fees. Our strings program is \$350 per year, plus renting the instrument. We are speculating that band would be about \$100 per student for this. There are 2 concerts, winter and spring. We would love to start communicating this to families before the end of the year. Some questions remain: would their band be able to visit us to get interest generated from 3rd/4th graders this year for next year? Leah Pool (CHS band director) may help with MS program. Estimate \$5500 year PTA cost for band program
- PTA board member positions open: lots of people stepping up to fill roles for next year! We are still looking for a 5th grade family to coordinate the middle school picnic. We also still need a movie night coordinator; looking for an elementary family. We also need a president!!
- Choir program: Finished for the year; we will give a \$100 gift card to the choir director to show our appreciation.
- Paint a thon is being pursued as a dine out alternative and the date will be announced. We need to mention Franklin school.

Upcoming Events:

- May 29th-June 4th: Scholastic book fair
- June 1st: Community garage sale
- June 11th: PTA meeting, 6-8 pm in the library
- June 15th: Franklin pool party
- June 17th: Elementary field day
- June 18th: Middle school field day, last day of school!

Meeting adjourned at 8:10.