PTA Minutes

Wednesday Oct 20, 2016

Attendance: I apologize as I had to leave at 7:30 so I missed getting the attendance sheet but will say it was very well attended, thank you for everyone that did attend.

Meeting called to order by Kristin Celentano at 7:02 p.m. Elizabeth Ball was absent due to a work commitment.

Meeting minutes from last month were accepted.

Irma gave info on **room assistants**-an email will go out letting whoever was nominated know. Teachers will send email to parents if they want to opt out of emails.

**After school update**: Some classes have low enrollment. If classes cancelled will put out in email. Tricia will be the check in person on Wednesdays.

**Boo-Bash update**: Had meeting last week very well attended and lots of support. Flyers will go out this week for RSVP. Sign up genius to sign up for snacks, drinks. Girls from QU will help. There will also be a photo booth so people are encouraged to bring their own camera/Iphone/phone to take their own pictures.

**Pop party winners** were Mrs Camerato’s class and Ms Silvestro’s class. It was held Friday at 2p.m.

We had alittle less than 160 members up alittle more than last year, thanks everyone for all the support.

**5th Grade committee**: No meetings yet as waiting on room assistants. Someone already took over yearbook and has contacted Jostens. Fundraisers for this committee to be announced.

**Playground committee**: Mums sold 450, raised $670 profit. Pointsetta’s are the next fundraiser. Plan on selling also night of 4th/5th grade concert.

Talked with First Selectman Mike Freda who explained the steep grant. The grant was placed 2 yrs ago for certain towns to get monies to beautify their downtown. This was awarded to only certain towns, North Haven being one. He cannot split the monies with the playground but still plans on helping with playground to be completed within next 1-2 yrs. If anyone knows of big corporations or who can help build, raise money please let us know. Planning on brick walk and golf outing as the next big fundraisers in the spring. So far our biggest fundraisers that took in the biggest monies are as follows:

Wine Tasting: net profit $24,329. Rotary: $1,000. Spring Brawl: Net profit $6,533.85.

**Skyzone as possible fundraiser**. So far dates we had not available but still looking into. Basically you get a time period of like 3-8. Whoever goes, GA’s gets percentage of monies but they need a guaranteed number.

**Elizabeth** currently working on Stop & Shop A+ rewards. Erin Huntington will start the box tops rewards.

**Spirit Wear**: Kristin working on the orders, should be able to start selling at Boo Bash. Teachers did want shirts, hoping to have spirit wear day on last Friday of every month. Mrs. Bankowski seemed to think this was ok. Will have shirts available in different sizes, colors. If we sell out of certain ones can possibly reorder if we have enough.

**Mrs. Bankowski items**: Thought Mrs. Savoia’s email captured most of items. Did speak of Parent Academy Tues night-Parents can pick the times and things they want to attend. Will be a raffle at end.

**Nature’s classroom**: Will have meeting coming up on Thur Oct 27th at Ridge Road school at 5:45pm, overview of NC May 15th-19th. Info session. 4th/5th ID classes will be attending this year again. Will need to think of fundraising committee as they saved families a lot of money last year by some events. Box tops was a big one last year paid for bus.

**District walk throughs**: thought school/students had great behavior in every classroom. There were no issues.

**Conference sign-ups** will be going out probably on Nov 1st. Will need to sign up on line again. Conferences are Nov 17th/18th, Marh 16th/17th.

**Bookfair**: Maureen will be the coordinator for the bookfair. Need volunteers for this event to also coordinate with the conference times. More info to come.

**Mrs Savoia through email**: Pumpkin unicef is on its way, teachers, classrooms will be participating. Room parents should contact their teachers to see what is needed ( paints, help decorating pumpkin, etc). Need to be done and on display by Thur Oct 27th. Student council will help set them up in hallway on Thur and they will stay on display until after boo bash.

Contact your teacher for Halloween party on Mon afternoon, 10/31. No costumes

First spirit day was Friday in support of Alzheimer’s. Students/teachers wore purple. Next month will be doing pink for “After the Storm” for cancer support.

Budget submitted by Tracy and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary