

# Rohrerstown Elementary PTO

## Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 28, 2019

- I. Welcome and Greeting: Dawn Ruppert
  - A. Dawn welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Each person introduced themselves and shared their children's names and grade.
  
- II. President's Report:

Dawn shared the following information.

  - A. Spirit Wear: There is a company that would print PTO shirts for kids and adults at \$5.50 per shirt. Some ideas include having the kids design a logo and voting on the logo. This could be used as a fundraiser for the PTO as well. Petrina Skiles offered to look into some options.
  - B. Paint Night: There wasn't enough interest/support this year to hold a Paint Night. The event has been cancelled. It could be revisited in the future.
  - C. Funfest: A parent has offered to co-chair the Funfest but is looking for a teacher or staff member to be the other co-chair. A "save the Funfest meeting" is scheduled for February 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30, so a final decision can be made.
  
- III. Treasurer's Report: Sunil Mathew

Dawn Ruppert shared the following information.

  - A. Parent participation is still a problem - 2 fundraisers cancelled this year due to lack of support
  - B. Fun Fest in jeopardy without a chair - sample budget outlines what financials look like if we do not do Fun Fest
  - C. Lacking teacher advocacy of PTO with parents - we need teachers to encourage more parents to engage and participate
  
- IV. Principal's Report: Kathy Swantner

Kathy shared the following information.

  - A. Kathy thanked the PTO for funding the most recent assembly.
  - B. She also stated that some changes are being made, safety wise. Some staff members or volunteers may been seen wearing safety vests.
  - C. The school is also looking to purchasing additional walkie talkies, especially for use at recess.
  
- V. Teacher's Report

Carrie Wilson shared the following information.

  - A. The children really enjoyed the assembly even though it was really loud. There was a great message that the kids really connected to.
  - B. Carrie is also looking for volunteers to help 5<sup>th</sup> grade students with Junior Achievement and matching them to career standards.

- VI. SPAC Report  
Holly Landis shared the following information.
- A. On early dismissal snow days, lunch doesn't need to be served in order for it to be counted as a day.
  - B. A Leadership transition has begun
  - C. An attendance realignment decision will be determined by 2020
  - D. Dan Forry shared a PA Safe to Stay – Tipline
- VII. Ways & Means: Petrina Skiles  
Petrina shared the following information.
- A. We are looking into restaurant nights at Burger King and TGIF's.
- VIII. Fun Fest Basket Raffle: Lisa Affuso  
Lisa shared the following information.
- A. Lisa shared that letters will be sent to the community looking for donations. She is also hoping to use connections in the community for the basket raffle.
- IX. V.I.P. Dance: Katie Zellers  
Katie shared the following information.
- A. V.I.P. Dance forms have gone home. A sign-up genius will be sent out this week for donations and volunteer opportunities. Ice cream, snacks and carnations will be available for purchase.
  - B. Donations are also being collected for the Lion's Den.
- X. Used Book Cart Report: Heather Keller  
Katie Zellers shared the following information.
- A. Book Cart Valentine Vouchers – we haven't heard back with an approval and will need to revisit this option next year.
- XI. Q.U.I.C.K (Questions, Information, Comments, and Knowledge)

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 pm.

Attendees: Dawn Ruppert, Katie Zellers, Petrina Skiles, Laura Bender, Christine Frey, Andrea Diller, Madison Pipkin, Amy Skundrich, Holly Landis, Lisa Affuso, Chrisrty Keitel, Carissa Rhodes, Ashley Geiger, Kristi McMichael, Nicole Topaltzas, Carrie Wilson, Yadielys Ortiz, Kathy Swantner

**Thank you for coming!**

**Next Meeting: Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**