

# **Rohrerstown Elementary PTO**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, September 18, 2017**

**I. Welcome and Greeting:**

Nicole Fickes welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Officer introductions were made.

**II. President's Report:**

Nicole began by apologizing for the delay in PTO handouts to parents during the first few days of school due to a print shop error.

The Ice Cream Social held at the school on September 8<sup>th</sup> was a big success. Friendly's donated 3 quarts of ice-cream (PTO bought 2 quarts), cones, and their freezer cart. A parent suggestion was made to offer non-dairy options as well as accommodate other allergies. Bekah Jenkins offered to take the lead on this for future events involving food.

The RES Run kick-off assembly will take place on Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, and will include an American Ninja Warrior who will speak to the students to get them excited about the event. Nicole will also address the students detailing how the run works. A form will be going home that day with donation instructions (via PayPal and the RES PTO Facebook page).

The run will take place at the school on October 13<sup>th</sup>. There is a planning meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Panera for any who are interested in attending.

The PTO will hold a pie sale this fall. Pies will come in three different flavors from Oregon Dairy, and can be purchased for \$7 each. Flyers will come home the first week of October, and orders are due by 10/17. All pies will be delivered by Monday, 11/20 in time for Thanksgiving. Melissa Harris is chairing this fundraiser.

Nicole asked if the group would like to do another roller skating PTO sponsored family event this year, or a bowling night. The group agreed that roller skating would require less coordination and expense. Nicole will set this up for January.

Looking forward to the spring fundraiser, Nicole asked the group their thoughts on a sub sale. After fielding some responses she said she look into it.

The PTO also plans to host a Bingo night fundraiser. Dawn Ruppert is the chair for this event, and will look into locations for having the event.

Staff and students have expressed their gratitude for the recess equipment bought by the PTO. Discussion also ensued about teacher needs for new classroom white boards. Nicole will look into this with Dr. Swantner.

Nicole thanked Dawn Ruppert and Dulcey Antonucci for serving as our SPAC representatives last year. We are currently in need of two volunteers for this year. Meetings are held once a month on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. September 27<sup>th</sup> is the first meeting of the year. Heather Petrasek will attend.

III. Secretary's Report:

Heather Rotella asked that all in attendance sign in.

She reported that the Hospitality Committee will be having a Welcome Back breakfast for teachers and staff again this year during the week of October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

IV. Treasurer's Report:

Sunil Mathew reported that the 2017-2018 budget is up to date, and in good standing.

V. Book Fair:

Becky Mathew is chair for this year's Book Fair with Lisa Affuso. The Fair will take place the week of November 13<sup>th</sup>, and will include bagels/coffee and donuts/cider for the teacher previews. The PTO will buy any books left on teacher wish lists. Funds raised will also go to the library.

VI. Principal's Report:

Dr. Swantner was not in attendance.

VII. Ways & Means:

Heather Petrasek shared that there will be two restaurant nights per month, and asked for suggestions on where people like to dine out. The Five Below fundraiser will take place before the holidays again this year. Coke rewards were discussed, and it was determined that this fundraiser is no longer happening.

VIII. Q.U.I.C.K (Questions, Information, Comments, and Knowledge):

The Box Top guessing game winner was announced, and checklist raffle winner was drawn.

Jackie Jones asked for help with study hall/homework club. Any who are interested in helping should contact Christy Keitel.

With no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:19 pm.

IX. The board was invited to attend tonight's meeting for a proposed bylaws amendment. The Amendment approved changes Article IV of the Bylaws to include "household family members." The new Article IV will read as follows: Every parent, guardian or household family member of a child in the Rohrerstown Elementary School and every teacher of this school shall be considered a part of the general membership of the Rohrerstown Elementary PTO and eligible to hold office on its Executive Board.

Attendees: Nicole Fickes, Heather Rotella, Heather Petrasek, Petrina Skiles, Heather Conlon-Keller, Amy Skundrich, Jackie Jones, Judy Noonan, Jen Eshleman, Holly Landis, Nate and Katie Zellers, Sunil and Becky Mathew, Sandi Provost, Rebekah Jenkins, Joe Merchant