

# Rohrerstown Elementary PTO

## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 23, 2018

### I. Welcome and Greeting

Nicole Fickes welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. She thanked everyone for coming, and for all of their help this school year with the PTO sponsored events. It wouldn't have been possible without everyone's help.

### II. President's Report

Nicole shared the following information:

#### a. Tentative 2018-2019 Calendar

Dawn Ruppert suggested varying the days of the week that PTO meetings are held next school year. Dr. Swantner is not available Tuesday or Thursday evenings.

Potential PTO sponsored events for next school year include, but not have been confirmed at this point

Monthly restaurant nights

September – Ice Cream social

October – Bingo

November – Book Fair with Family Fun Night; Pie Sale

January – Kid Stuff coupon sale; Roller Skating Night

February – VIP dance (weekend after President's Day)

March – Family paint night

Spring – Gertrude Hawk candy sale

Other ideas included; Technology Night – possible as a school assembly; Sky Zone Night

A suggestion was made to coordinate all of our donation requests for the year so that businesses are not getting asked more than once in one calendar year by our school. Jen Eschleman offered to take on this project over the summer.

Jen also suggested asking for monetary donations from families at the beginning of the year so those who don't have the time or desire to shop can give one lump sum up front. This could be put in the flyer(s) that go home with students the first week of school. Incoming present, Dawn Ruppert, would announce this at Back to School Night, and it would be posted on the PTO Facebook page.

Heather Rotella suggested that the school utilize only one Sign Up Genius via Terri B for PTO sponsored events/donations as well. This way all on the distribution list receive all communications every time.

b. Funfest update

Jen Eshleman shared that although Fun Fest had to take place primarily in the cafeteria and gym, it was a win for all! The event raised \$7863, with \$2400 net from the basket raffle and \$1900 from the obstacle course that was secured last minute due to the rain forecast. Compliments received suggested that the event had a great community feel.

Dr. Swanter said we will need to put tarps down should we do bounce houses/courses again indoors. A suggestion was also made to keep the basket raffle and food indoors next year, including possibly using the cafeteria kitchen to serve our food. Other schools do this and pay the cafeteria to use the space.

III. Treasurer's Report

a. 2017-2018 budget update

Sunil Mathew shared that the PTO account is now back in black, with a positive balance of \$3300 for the year. He is still expecting around \$1500 in expenses to come in.

b. Union Community Bank

Is this going to be a conflict of interest with a board member who is an employee of Union Community Bank?

IV. Teacher's Report: No teachers were in attendance.

V. Principal's Report

Kathy Swantner mentioned that Field Days and field trips are planned for the upcoming weeks. There will also be four library days held over the summer at the RES library.

VI. Ways & Means

The used book cart made \$65 at Funfest. Roughly another 600 books out into our community just in time for summer reading! We dropped the price to 5 books for \$1 at 7p, and to 10 books for \$1 at 8p.

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

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Attendees: Nicole Fickes, Sunil Mathew, Sandi Provost, Heather Rotella, Jen Eshleman, Mindy Paglia, Kathy Swantner

**Thank you for coming!**

**Have a happy, healthy summer!**