

Rohrerstown Elementary School PTO

Virtual Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 2, 2020

Zoom Meeting ID: 775 4224 3945

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- I. Welcome and Greeting: Katie Zellers
 - A. Katie Zellers welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

- II. Secretary's Report: Meredith Baxter
 - A. Minutes from the January 2020 meeting are posted on the RES website.
 - B. Please 'chat' your name, email and children's names and grade levels so we can document meeting attendance.

- III. President's Report: Katie Zellers
 - A. Dinner was provided to the staff for parent/teacher conferences using PTO funds.
 - B. The PTO would like to provide monthly 'surprises' to staff members to show appreciation to the teachers. There are 65 staff members to account for and the PTO is open to creative ideas and volunteers for future months.
 - C. The PTO would like to offer 'dine out' fundraisers to support the PTO and local restaurants.
 - Jackie suggested food trucks as an outdoor/socially distanced event to also raise funds.
 - Kathy did not think there would be any issues with hosting a food truck on school property.
 - D. The VIP Dance, Fun Fest and Fun Run are potentially slated for the Spring. These events would require volunteers for chair and committee positions.

- IV. Treasurer's Report: Laura Bender
 - A. 2020-2021 Budget Update
 - Laura presented last year's budget updated with the activities that have taken place this school year so far.
 - Pie sale generated \$1575.
 - SKH and Giant rewards account for \$2000.
 - Only expenses to date are insurance and staff appreciation dinner.
 - Current balance is \$39,887.17.

- B. Events/expenses that have not taken place this year:
- \$100 teacher donation to defray the cost of supplies
 - Lion's Pride cart. May not happen due to Covid. Need to check with Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Jones.
 - The S. Clyde Weaver sub sale can still take place and typically generates \$800 of revenue.
 - Ideas for virtual fundraisers were a family or student talent show (pretaped but live emcee; charge for admission code to raise funds); combine with a virtual raffle. Show could be shown school wide by teachers.
 - Jackie, Lakisha and Meredith offered to informally create a committee to explore this idea further.
- V. Principal's Report: Kathy Swantner
- A. The Spelling Bee has been opened to 4th and 5th grade as well 6th, 7th and 8th grades. There will be 4th – 6th RES Spelling Bee on Tuesday, 11/24. It will be broadcast on Zoom for families and classmates to view.
- B. Lifetouch school photos have been received and sent home with children. Retakes will be 11/19. Classroom/homeroom pictures are still pending – may require scheduling in the Spring.
- VI. Teacher's Report: Amy Skundrich
- A. The treat and dinner were appreciated by the everyone.
- VII. SPAC: Jennifer Yurchak and Jenn Knepper
- A. Katie presented the committee report.
- B. Covid updates can be viewed on the Hempfield website, by emailing communications@hempfieldsd.org or calling 717.898.5539.
- VIII. Pie Fundraiser: Nicole Fickes
- A. Katie presented the committee report.
- B. 369 pies were sold this year! 310 pies were sold in 2018 and 395 were sold in 2019.
- C. Pie pick up is 11/23 and will be done outside of the school. Volunteers will be needed to organize and distribute pies. Time will need to be 4 – 6 pm to accommodate car rider pick up schedule.
- IX. Book Fair: Laura Bender, Mic Bender and Jill Burk
- A. The Scholastic Book Fair will be virtual from 11/9 – 11/20.
- B. Promotional materials provided by Scholastic have been given to the Library staff to share in the Library and via Schoology.
- C. A letter will be sent home to family and will be communicated via grade level emails and the 4 pm daily email.
- D. Difficult to create teachers' wish lists thru Scholastic – need to open fair to teacher ahead of time to create wish lists which

would be sent via a Sign Up Genius. Lakisha suggested creating a school-wide Google Doc.

- E. Laura and Jill discussed further and determined that because Scholastic does not have a program in place to manage wish lists by classroom combined with the lack of direct contact with each classroom teacher, it would be best to forgo wish lists for the virtual fair.
 - F. There may be an opportunity to host Scholastic in the school in the Spring combined with another family activity.
- X. Q.U.I.C.K (Questions, Information, Comments, and Knowledge)
- A. Kelly asked why there are no homeroom parents this year. Kathy said some homerooms or grade levels have expressed interest in having a main parent contact and will follow up.
 - Amy Skundrich explained that homeroom parents would typically plan the Fall Harvest party, holiday 'winter' themed party, Valentine's Day activity and end of year picnic. Not needed this year since students cannot eat in classrooms due to Covid restrictions.
 - B. LGI spaces will be cleared soon to create more space for socially distanced group activities.

Thank you for your attendance!

Next Meeting: Monday, January 25th, 2021 at 6:30 pm