

October 15, 2013 Minutes

### **Allamuchy School PTO meeting October 15, 2013**

Venita Prudenti, copresident, called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM in room 149 at the Allamuchy Township school.

Present: Nine members were present including six officers.

#### **Secretary's report**

Gina Reardon secretary read three thank you notes. First note thanking the PTO from Joanne Ferguson for snacks purchased for the stop hunger initiative. The second thank you note to the PTO was from Julie Profito for giving her the opportunity to speak about Rachel's challenge during the September 17 meeting. The third and final thank you note to the PTO from Deb DeAngelis Paige Schmiedeke, Christine Rodriguez Julie Profito and Jen Sauter for helping to purchase the anti-bullying "be the G"bands.

A motion to accept the September 17, 2013 meeting minutes pending the change of time from 4:13 PM to 9:13 PM was made by Venita Prudenti.

Second Paula Waeschle

Motion carried.

An email was received from Tammy DeLoretto asking if the PTO would be interested in having a Holiday evening fundraiser with different vendors of jewelry, makeup etc from our area with a percentage going back to the PTO.

Gina Reardon, Secretary will reply to Ms. DeLoretto stating that PTO does not do this type of event.

#### **Treasurer's report**

Tiffany Ulch treasurer reported a cash on hand balance of \$5129.33. The current cash balance \$11,777.37, less outstanding teacher grants of \$4285.54, less \$1220 for the 50-50 payout, less two batches of ShopRite cards at \$1900, less \$20 of silent auction contributions leaves cash available \$4351.83 plus profit from kid stuff books of \$777.50 leaves the cash on hand of \$5,129.33.

Tiffany also noted she fixed the categories on the P and L so everything is categorized in the right class.

#### **New Business**

Manny Quinoa, head of the Allamuchy Recreation Department, spoke to the PTO regarding a car wash he would like to have in April where the seventh and eighth-grade basketball teams would be responsible. Manny proposed 50-50 profit to be split between the rec department and the PTO. He would like to have the car wash on an annual basis. It will be run at Green acres sometime in April. Manny is requesting the PTO to advertise the information through its website.

Marty Yudichak put a motion to accept the request changing the profits to be kept only by the Allamuchy recreation department.  
Second Venita Prudenti.  
Motion carried.

### **Grant Requests**

ALL APPROVED GRANT REQUESTS ARE CONTINGENT UPON PTO DUES BEING PAID BY REQUESTER

1. Beth Miller, MD Class teacher, Executive Committee already approved \$200 - requesting additional \$100 for cooking and baking items, hygiene products and other products to help enhance the life skills program.

A motion to approve this request was made by Venita Prudenti  
Second: Kara Fragale  
Motion Carried.

2. Andrea Aussems and Ashley VanHaste, 3rd grade teachers, requesting \$200 for annual Veterans Day Assembly including food and decorations.

Motion to approve this request was made by Venita Prudenti  
Second: Kara Fragale  
Motion Carried.

3. Deb DeAngelis, 5-8 science and math teacher, requesting \$350 for 2 Wind Turbine Kits and Watt Meters.  
PTO willing to approve up to \$300 for one kit. Need more justification as to why she needs two kits. OK if Deb would like to use her own \$300 annual fund toward the other. Check with Deb.

Motion to approve up to \$300 for one turbine kit was made by Venita Prudenti  
Second: Kara Fragale  
Motion Carried.

### **Old Business**

### **Halloween Party Update**

Lisa Strutin reported the positive response to the upcoming Halloween Party being sponsored by the PTO. Currently we have 163 kids attending. There will be a DJ, hayride, crafts and snacks.

### **KIDSTUFF Book Sales Update**

Tiffany Ulch, Treasurer, reported through the Treasurer's Report that the profit from KidStuff sales was \$777.50.

### **Martini and Margarita Night Update**

Marty Yudichak reported a positive outcome to the Martini and Margarita night. Although not a huge financial success, it was the first and will be added to next year.

Martini Night, TOTT and other fundraisers where alcohol is and is not served was discussed. Children obviously are not present at the events where alcohol is available. The PTO holds many types of fundraisers and members of the community can determine which events they would like to participate in. Also, the PTO Website will be used to promote PTO events and their related details so that members of the community can make such determination.

### **50/50 Raffle Results**

Tiffany Ulch reported in the Treasurer's Report that \$721.90 was the profit for the 50/50 fundraiser.

Sue Costello reported that she is trying to get in touch with the 3rd prize winner but has been unsuccessful. She will try again, but if she is unable to reach the person, an alternate will be chosen.

### **Rachel's Challenge**

Per Sue Costello, The Board of Education approved Rachels Challenge. They paid half the cost - \$600. The PTO paid the other half.

### **Directories**

Lisa Strutin reported that she had completed printing the directories. They have been given to Paula Waeschle to be distributed to the PTO families.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 by Kara Fragale.