

ALLAMUCHY SCHOOL PTO MEETING – September 17, 2013

Venita Prudenti, Co-President, called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m. in room 149 at the Allamuchy Township School.

Present: 14 members were present, including 7 officers.

Secretary's Report

Gina Reardon, Secretary, read two thank you notes. One thanking the PTO for sponsoring the MVP award from Walter Lehneis and the second from Lea Safarpour for sponsoring the Valedictorian Award.

A motion to accept the June 13, 2013 meeting minutes was made by Venita Prudenti

Second: Kara Fragale

Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Tiffany Ulch, Treasurer, reported a balance of \$11,763.00.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report dated September 17, 2013 was made by Venita Prudenti.

Second: Paula Waeschle

Motion carried.

New Business

Grant Requests

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

1. Julie Profitto, school counselor, spoke regarding a grant request for Rachel's Challenge. Rachel's Challenge is a program which focuses on the legacy of Rachel, who was killed in the Columbine tragedy, and focuses on making a difference in the lives of others by doing the "little things." It has both a student and a parental component. It will compliment the Olweus anti bullying program. Great Meadows and Hackettstown both doing the program.

This has not yet been approved by the Board of Education. PTO will commit to pay \$600.00 of the \$1200.00 cost of the program, pending the Board of Ed contribute the other half (\$600.00). Sue Costello to report regarding Board of Ed decision.

A motion to grant this request was made by Venita Prudenti.

Second: Kara Fragale.

Motion carried.

2. School Safety Team requesting a grant for \$268.90 for the purchase of 600 Be the "G"/Stop Bullying bracelets. Students will wear the bracelets on the school specified Be the "G" days. This is a one time purchase. Moving forward the children will be required to pay a nominal fee and keep their own bracelets.

A motion to accept this request was made by Kara Fragale.

Second: Venita Prudenti

Motion Carried.

3. Sam Greco, teacher, requesting a grant for \$94.00 for a Ziggi USB Document Camera to enhance students cooperative learning.

4. Melissa Arrambide, teacher, requesting \$200.00 for the second grade Dino Dig assembly.

5. Robin Samiljan, new 2nd grade teacher, requesting \$100.00 to help set up her 2nd grade classroom.

6. JoAnne Ferguson, teacher, requesting a grant for \$100.00 in support of the Stop Hunger Initiative. The money will be used to purchase snack to be sold at school to raise money for Stop Hunger Now.

7. JoAnne Ferguson, teacher, requesting \$25.00 for food and drink to support the World History Curriculum and US History content. i.e. cheese, grape juice, iced tea.

8. Kate Steiner, science teacher, requesting \$100.00 for greenhouse supplies.

9. Kate Steiner, science teacher, requesting \$400.00 for Snakes and Scales Reptile Presentation for 6th grade on February 21, 2014.

10. Christine Rodriguez and Gerald Mazzetta, PE teachers, requesting \$108.00 for the annual Volleyball Tournament.

11. Mariah Thompson, music teacher, requesting \$1100.00 for 2 assemblies for field day. It is a game show run by Unique Entertainment that has been an annual part of field day.

12. Cathy Cefaloni and Paige Schmiedeke, Kindergarden Team, requesting \$500.00 for the Kindergarden portfolio and kinesthetic and theme based activities throughout the year.

13. Paige Schmiedeke, Kindergarden teacher, requesting 127.50 for annual spelling bee sponsorship.

A motion to accept requests 3-13 was made by Venita Prudenti.

Second: Kara Fragale

Motion Carried

14. Christine Rodriguez and Gerald Mazzetta, PE teachers requesting \$99.00 for a Primo White Top loading cold and hot water cooler for the PE office.

Venita Prudenti made a motion to deny this request.

Second Tiffany Ulch

Motion Carried.

NOT APPROVED.

15. Lisa Strutin spoke regarding a Halloween Party to be sponsored by the PTO. Jody Bremner will be the chairperson. Looking to have the party at AES in the gym on Friday October 18th cost will be between \$500 to \$700.00. Party will include a DJ. There will be no charge to the attendees.

A motion to grant this request was made by Venita Prudenti.

Second: Paula Waeschle

Motion Carried.

VOING IN FUNDRAISERS FOR THE YEAR

The following fundraisers were voted in for the 2013-2014 school year

MARTINI NIGHT Chairperson: Kara Fragale

TASTE OF THE TOWN Chairperson: Kara Fragale

FALL BOOK FAIR Chairperson: Kristen Colavito

WINTER BOOK FAIR Chairperson: Paula Rosa

SPRING BOOKFAIR Chairperson: Lori Neeley

BOOK SOX Chairperson: Jodi Bremner

50/50 RAFFLE Chairperson: Sue Costello

MARKET DAY Chairperson: Claire Britt

KIDSTUFF BOOKS Chairperson: Andrea McGarry

CLOTHING DRIVE Chairperson: Mary Markiewicz

HOLIDAY SHOP Chairperson: Patty Christiano and Gina Reardon

SHOPRITE CARDS Chairperson: Lisa Strutin

BIRTHDAY BOOK CLUB Chairperson: Venita Prudenti

Lori Neeley agreed to take the open position as the Chairperson for the Spring Bookfair.

It was noted that this is the last year Andrea McGarry will be Chairing the KIDSTUFF COUPON BOOKS.

A motion to accept the Fundraisers for the 2013-2104 School year was made by Venita Prudenti.

Second: Paula Waeschle

Motion Carried.

Old Business

A tabled grant requested by Deb DeAngelis in June for photo/ink supplies for \$300.00 was approved with stipulation of payment of dues. Printer needs to be checked to see if it is an HP in which case a discount can be received through Tlffany Ulch. A motion to accept was made by Venita Prudenti.

Second: Paula Waeschle

Motion Carried.

Committee Reports

Directories: Directories will most likely not be ready for back to school night. To date only 63% of families have returned the required paperwork to be included or excluded from the directory. Gina Reardon, secretary to send out an email blast regarding the current situation.

50/50 Raffle: Sue Costello reported that tickets for the 50/50 will be sold until the evening of October 3rd at 8pm. The drawing will be held that night in the cafeteria. Gina Reardon to send out an email blast regarding the 50/50.

Collectibles

Beth Gavin spoke regarding a new program that will include surrounding schools called the Box Top Challenge which would be a contest between schools to see who could collect the most. Beth to gather more information regarding the program and the other schools involvement.

Martini Night

Marty Yudichek reported that tickets for Martini night are still available. The max amount of people is 160. So far about 125 tickets have been sold. Gina Reardon to send out an email blast to remind people of the event.

Open Discussion

Paula Waeschle, as a representative of the Education Foundation, reported that the Foundation would give the PTO \$1000.00 to offset the cost of the stage purchased by the PTO this past summer.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m. by Kara Fragale.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gina Reardon
Secretary