



PTO Meeting Minutes for Monday, October 10 2016.

Attendance: Natalie Rosemier, Lindsay Busch, Kelly Flenner, Melissa Hopper, Julie Weber, Christine Kirk, Courtney Urban, Gretchen Baptie, Angie Burkholder, Danielle Morris, Angel Iacofano, Jackie Garrett, Thayer Hegner, Teri Martin, Rachel Lamb, Rhonda Soppitt, Susan Dolce, and Melissa Garbincus.

- Call to order at 7:03pm
- Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance
- Introduction of Officers

K.I.D.S. Committee: Rhonda Soppitt and Lori Krensisky spoke to our group about the upcoming levy and volunteer opportunities. They had sign ups on hand for upcoming events along with signs, bookmarks, and car decals. November 1-5th there will be tubing and walking with the 5th being at Lamuth at 9:00am and there will be a Rally November 6th at Hadden Elementary School from 1-3pm. They also are in need of many volunteers for Election Day to hold student made signs and to call supporters to remind them to vote.

- **Approval of September, 2016 Meeting Minutes:** Motion to approve by Melissa Garbincus, second by Christine Kirk
- **Treasurer Report – Melissa Hopper**
 - a. Melissa reported that we went over our projected income from memberships by \$340.00.
 - b. Kick off Carnival we made \$232.41 when it is not meant to be a fundraiser at all.
 - c. Read a Thon we made \$8,169.50
 - d. Skating Party we made \$187.00
 - e. Melissa also explained that our office supply line expense is more than usual because we bought storage bins and a shelf for our storage shed in order to preserve items so that we are not wasting money rebuying.
 - f.
- **Book Fair – Natalie Rosemier (Vice President)**
 - a. Natalie reported that we made \$4,203.46 and purchased 48 new books for our library with the \$223.22 funds made through All for Books. All For Books also matches that amount to Cleveland Schools who are in need of new books.





- Kelly Flenner our President read a thank you letter from the I Support Riverside campaign for our \$1,000 donation approved at the September meeting.
- Lindsay Busch updated on spirit wear that is due to be delivered to the school on Thursday the 13th and discussed plans to sell winter beanie hats for a winter spirit wear sale.
- Lindsay Busch and Kelly Flenner discussed the success of our first Craft Night and the hopes to have another one in November for a Holiday craft.

Directory: Susan Dolce

Susan has gathered all of the information and the discussion was to have the directory printed for less than a dollar a copy or to supply families with a PDF of the directory. The consensus was to supply a PDF.

Holiday Shop: Jackie Garrett

Jackie discussed the changes that are being made to our Holiday Shop and the process involved in doing so. At this time there is \$600.00 left from the original \$1,800 that the PTO voted on to fund the changes. Jackie feels that more money is needed in order to purchase enough items for students to buy more than 2 items. We voted on an additional \$1,500 for the Holiday shop with Christine Kirk giving the first motion and Angel Iacofano giving the second. All were in favor of supplying the additional funds.

Jackie also asked for volunteers to help shop for additional items and explained that process as well. If anyone is willing to be a shopper they can contact any Board member or Jackie Garrett. melridgepto@gmail.com

Halloween Parties: Kelly Flenner (President)

Kelly discussed upcoming classroom Halloween parties, the parade will begin at 2:30pm and parties immediately following. AM Kindergarten will start at 10:30. We discussed students with allergies and explained that each lead parent is working closely with their teacher and will address each need on a class-by-class basis. We will have a snack station set up for lead parents to pick up their room's snack along with an option for those students with allergies. The snack will be provided by the PTO and will be an orange frosted (vanilla flavored) donut from Dunkin Donuts and a small bottle of water.

Principal, Julie Weber's Comments:

- The books for Pizza Bingo prizes have been purchased and with those points she was able to purchase the books for The Leader in Me Program.





Principal, Julie Weber's Comments (cont):

- Bruegger's Bagels has agreed to sponsor The Leader in Me Program by supplying bagel bites for the monthly Leader of the Month breakfast.
- Melridge Elementary Students ran a Lemonade Stand during our Kick Off Carnival, and a check for that income and what was collected through school was sent to Alex's Lemonade Stand for \$875.00
- Next week will start the two weeks of Socktober where students are asked to bring in socks to donate for the Sub Zero Mission. The 5th graders made the collection box that resembles the bus that The Sub Zero Mission uses.
- A Community Connection information page is going to be started. This will give information as to what the students are doing each month. For the month of November the students will have a coin war with the funds going to the David Baker Scholarship Fund. David Baker was a Riverside Local School Student who was killed serving in Afghanistan.
- School Store is set to open at the end of this month or beginning of November. Two managers will be selected based on their applications and interviews. All student workers will have to fill out applications and go through the interview process with Mrs. Weber.

Upcoming Events:

October:

10/14 – No School

10/19 - Box Tops & Labels for Education Due

10/21 – Kindergarten Pastries with Parents

10/28 – Classroom Halloween Parties (2:30 parade)

November:

11/18 – Pizza Bingo

- Meeting Adjourned at 8:09pm

