

Monday, January 14, 2019

Attendance: Debbie Ballios, Laura Saleski, Amy Miller, Kristin Cermak, Julie Eldridge, Shannon Burt, Katie Monhaut, Chris Tallman, Ingrid Peeples, Doug Greenwalt, Kara Greenwalt, Jennifer Ford, Valerie Thudium, Gail Kobal, Tammy DiPonio and Dawn Leonard.

Mrs. Ballios called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM

Secretary Report

Mrs. Ballios presented the minutes from the November 12, 2018 meeting. Mrs. Monhaut made a motion to approve the minutes and Mrs. Leonard seconded. The reports were approved.

Treasurer Report

Mrs. Tallman presented the Bank Transactions, Budget Report and Income Statement. Mrs. Leonard made a motion to approve the reports and Mrs. Miller seconded. The reports were approved.

President Report

Mrs. Ballios reported the 23 light covers she ordered were installed over break. Mrs. Ballios is going to review the PTO bylaws to make sure they are still relevant. We are currently looking for replacements for Mrs. Pala and Mrs. Leonard. A personal invitation and shadowing is always the best way to learn. When it is our time to hand off our office, tips and tricks would really be appreciated, keep a report as we go for the next person. From the President's council meeting she reported the Rotary Club of Troy has a buddy bench project. Dr. DiPonio is currently working with the Rotary Club for a buddy bench as part of a class project from last year for Mrs. Tessoff.

Vice-President Report

No report.

Principal Report

Dr. DiPonio encouraged us to check our newsletters because it is full of lots of information. The 5th grade is not doing Iowa testing. The data wasn't used as much as other data. They will take math placement tests for middle school. Teachers and Facilitators from Teachers College in New York City, will be giving a presentation at Morse on January 22 for grades 3-5 and Feb 13 for grades K-2 at Troy Union. Mrs. Thudium's class did a persuasive writing project about what they would like to see in school. Students had a working lunch and met with the person in charge of after school activities. Changes were made and offered. April 10 is the first Kindergarten round up.

Teacher Representative Report

Mrs. Thudium & Ms. Eldridge reported the Student Council is co-hosting events at Barnes and Nobles January 15 and Jan 19. Caldecott Winner, Philip Stead will be here March 12. There will be 2 sessions. 5th grade Festival of Choirs will be January 29. Thank you for light covers

Room Parent Chair Report

Mrs. Monhuat reported she didn't hear much feedback from holiday party but the timing seemed to work out well. There will not be official parties for Valentine's Day. There will be classroom parties on the 14th for students only, serving Rice Krispie Treats and juice boxes.

Spirit Wear Report

Mrs. Cermak reported all classroom shirts have been distributed. All new students will also receive them.

Ways and Means Report

Mrs. Leonard reported we earned \$263 at MOD pizza and another \$300 from Skate World. She is meeting with Troy Escape to see if we might be able to have a Family Night there. NeeHee's and BW3 are on the list to contact for potential Restaurant Nights. We had 40 kids at LifETIME and they had a good time. We had 20 kids show up at the door and not prepay.

Mrs. Ford reported she is currently getting organized for Square 1 Art. Packets will go home 2nd week of February and the art is due March 6. We will have the classroom box top battle in February.

Fun Run Report

Mrs. Tallman reported our projected Net Profit is \$20,442.88

Fair Report

Mrs. Cermak reported Mrs. Henderson started to contact vendors over break. She is looking for someone with photo booth or karaoke machine. She is also looking for someone to shadow her to take over soon. Please forward her any new ideas for rooms.

Auction Report

Mrs. Cermak reported the committee is meeting every week. We have received lots of donations. We are missing a couple wow factors and table sponsors. Ticket sales are on pace. Dr. Machesky and his wife are attending again this year; we should have Superintendent for the Day.

Community Service Report

No report

Green Schools Report

Mrs. Miller is in contact with DTE for the 4th grade energy presentation.

Web Coordinator Report

Mrs. Cermak reported she is updating the website to keep it fresh and new. Auction posts will be going out. She has added the Me and My Guy Dance.

Publicity Report

No new report.

Old Business

Project Line suggestions – 2nd set of risers, stage curtain, library furniture, free library – cub scouts also looked into these but the concern was where to place them. Cub scouts were happy to build one.

New Business

Science Olympiad will be April 13 this year. This is an all day event held at Schoolcraft College. Costello has a team of 16 kids made up of 3,4 and 5 graders. The kids wear Spirit Wear T-Shirts that read “Team Costello”. Most events have 2 kids but some have 3. Events could be about such topics as: animals, anatomy, crime scene, reflection relay w/mirrors, mystery architecture, etc. Last year the PTO paid the \$100 entry fee. It was mentioned we might want to possibly add Science Olympiad as a budget line item. They have to buy kits for all of the events. Mrs. Ballios made a motion and Mrs. Leonard seconded to cover the entry fee again this year. Motion passes. The Blood Drive will be April 17 this year.

Another suggestion was possibly buying the morning express loop volunteers some hand warmers.

The next Costello PTO meeting will be held February 11, 2019 at 7 PM.

Mrs. Leonard motioned to end the meeting and Mrs. Cermak seconded the meeting was adjourned.