

MINUTES

Marion Walker Elementary PTO

November 8, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Amanda Grindley at 6:31 p.m.

Pledge of allegiance lead by Amanda Grindley

In attendance

Amanda Grindley	Lindsey Harter	Heather Huntsinger	Bikem Oskin	Patty Correll
Robin Sweka	Megan Douty	Michelle McConnell	Carrie Giornesto	Holly Williams
Shannon Hilliard	Jackie Wynkoop	Sinead Gallagher	Laurie Henry	Mrs. Krisch
Amanda Fedisson				

Treasurer's Report

Heather Huntsinger read though all the movement in the budget. Lots more teacher reimbursements to process. They are coming in little by little.

Motion made by Amanda Grindley to approve Treasurer's Report

Approved by Jackie Wynkoop

Second: Shannon Hilliard

Secretary's Report

Motion made by Amanda Grindley to approve October's Meeting Minutes

Approved by Laurie Henry

Second: Lindsey Harter

Committee Reports

Book Distribution: Wendy Thomas

We will have a distribution in December. Trying to determine if we will have another one this year.

BOX TOPS: Robin Sweka

Over 1,000 box tops. We will receive \$1,590.40 for December. There is a sweepstakes through Nov. 30 for people to go to the website.

Winter Carnival: Bikem Oskin, Danyelle Crouthamel, Lindsey Harter, Laurie Henry

Lindsey's dad will make games for the cost of materials.

Fall Dance: Robin Sweka and Linsey Harter

Bigger turnout than last year. Lindsey helped this year. She has a good grasp for of what is going on. Bake sale was down quite a bit. But we did sell out.

Field Day: Kim Hilliker, Megan Kline and Ashley Price

Nothing to report

Fundraising: Cynthia Naspinski

Ultimate Subs is an option in lieu of Mariana's. Ultimate Subs will pre-pack all the orders. We have to figure out the profit margin. They do not have a pizza option. They are based outside Altoona. Reviews are positive. The quality is on par with Mariana's. We will discuss next month when Cynthia is here.

Nov. 16th is pickup for the fall fundraiser. Volunteers are needed during the day. Clearances are necessary.

Holiday Store: Amanda Fedisson and Amanda Grindley

We have projects that need to go home with people. We lack male items. We have projects that are done but need help with the finishing touches. If you know you are making something, please let us know. Volunteer signups have gone home. Setup is needed the night before. Anyone with clearances is welcome to help.

Membership: Joy Miller

66 members. Third deposit tonight. Getting labels organized to do the book dedications.

Reading Counts: Bikem Oskin

We have people signed up through the end of the year.

Ways and Means: Michelle McConnell

Cookie Jar is full through the end of the year. Pumpkins were delivered. This is Michelle's last year. It would be great if someone can shadow her to take over next year.

Yearbook: Andrea Harman & Jacki Hopkins

Will send something home soon for parents to take pictures and upload.

Mrs. Krisch

Trip to China was good. We did safety drills before she left. Had meetings to go over the safety procedures and lockdown. Met with the State Police and they were pleased with the procedures.

Teacher Rep.: Patty Correll

Veterans Day celebration tomorrow, kids should wear red white and blue. Concert is coming up. Kids have their first practice tomorrow after school.

New Business

Santa – Shelby Hamilton's parents will be Santa and Mrs. Claus. They are available Dec. 11-15. They will come to the school on Dec. 12th. Teachers have until Friday to get the wish list to Amanda Grindley.

Signup.com – Bikem presented an idea to get a membership for \$99/year to the use of Signup.com to manage and organize volunteer opportunities as an organization. Initial response was positive. Bikem will look into more details and bring it up at a forthcoming meeting.

Parent Council Meeting – Jackie Wyncoop goes to the meeting. Only a few parents were there. They discussed Title 1 funds. They had an audit. Very minor things. Each school has to have their own letterhead. We cannot use letterhead from the district. Overall good review. Dr. Saylor wanted to create a bullying advisory committee to start the conversation. Brittany Malazo is the new PR person for the district for Bellefonte and Bald Eagle Area. She is being pro-active for the principals. The Middle School was picked out of all the schools in the country to talk to astronauts in space. It's a huge honor. Family science night is next Tuesday at the high school. They also talked about the new literacy program for K-2.

Does anyone have any information for the December newsletter?

Next meeting will be Dec. 6, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at Marion Walker Elementary School Library

Motion made by Amanda Grindley to adjourn at 7:07 p.m.

Approved by Amanda Fedisson

Second: Shannon Hilliard

Submitted by Bikem Oskin