

MINUTES

Marion Walker Elementary PTO

November 13, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Amanda Grindley at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of allegiance lead by Amanda Grindley

In attendance

Amanda Grindley	Lindsey Harter	Megan Aberegg	Heather Huntsinger	Nichole Masullo
Jodi Johnston	Ashley Price	Colleen DeFonzo	Nichole Hockenberry	Molly Hoy
Tracie Horn	Debbie Rose	Carrie Giornesto	Michelle Blackburn	Laurie Henry
Hanna Burke	Heather Rimmey	Amy Heverly	Amanda Fedisson	Mike Brooks
Beky Strouse	Allison Kyte	Rebecca Roos	Diane Abbott	Verna Schoonover

Treasurer's Report

Heather Huntsinger read through all the movement in the budget. The account balance is healthy. Membership drive exceeded our goal. Fundraising went very well also. Waiting on some bills from that to get exact numbers.

Motion made by Amanda Grindley to approve Treasurer's Report.

Approved by: Ashley Price

Second: Amanda Fedisson

Secretary's Report

Motion made by Amanda Grindley to approve previous Meeting Minutes

Approved by: Colleen DeFonzo

Second: Verna Schoonover

Committee Reports

- Fundraising:
 - Fundraising was chaotic this year. Our new representative from Great American was pretty unresponsive. We are getting invoices from different companies, Great American and Gifts & Things, so it is harder to sort through profits, etc. Please let Cynthia and Amanda know of any issues from the fundraiser.
 - Limo ride reward was again discussed. We are still waiting to hear on a date.
- Book Distribution: Lindsey Harter
 - Fall Book Distribution went faster this year due to good volunteers. Some teachers did forget to bring their classes to get books.
 - Asking for student suggestions for books.
 - A small book order will need to be placed to cover the Spring distribution.
- Fall/Halloween Dance: Lindsey Harter
 - Fall dance was a success, and the Haunted Hallway was a great addition.
 - Less profit was made this year due to the admission cost being reduced if people brought in canned goods. However, 291 canned goods were donated to the Food Pantry this year to benefit our community, compared to 54 last year.
 - There were lots of snack donations left over. They will be sorted and used for the Carnival, Reading Competition team snacks, etc.

- **Holiday Store: Amanda Grindley/Amanda Fedisson**
 - The completed item total for the Holiday Store jumped by 1,200 just in the last week. According to the current numbers, each student would be allowed to purchase 8 items.
 - Holiday Store is scheduled for Friday, December 9th. Snow Makeup day is December 10th and Makeup day for sick/absent students is December 11th.
 - Still in need of the following items: Bubble wrap, tissue paper, wrapping paper, empty boxes.
 - Volunteer signup sheets went home last week.
 - Thursday, December 5th all items will be sorted and divided for each class, and setup will take place.
 - Last day for donations is December 5th.
- **Membership: Ashley Price**
 - 71 Total Memberships from the Membership drive. Most were Diamond Level.
 - Mrs. Kling's class won the contest.
- **BOX TOPS: Hanna Burke**
 - \$729.80 earned from the Fall Box Top submission. This was from the actual clipped Box Tops. We are not sure when we will receive reimbursement from the electronic submission.
- **Yearbook: Jen Buzard**
 - There were 255 yearbooks sold which was on par from last year's number.
 - PTO will be purchasing 10 yearbooks that will be available on a first come, first serve basis, after they are distributed to new students that join Marion Walker during the school year.
 - Options were discussed on ways for parents to submit pictures to be used in the yearbook. Google Drive was used in the past. Mike Brooks suggested using Drop Box instead. He will get more info on this option, as it may be an easier solution.
 - February 28, 2020 is the picture deadline.

Mrs. Krisch

- Mrs. Krisch was not present at the meeting, however she did send updates recently through the school newsletter.
- Mrs. Krisch will be participating in the Polar Bear Plunge which is a Charity event for the YMCA.

Teacher Rep.: Colleen DeFonzo

- Pumpkin Distribution was held in October for Kindergarten through 2nd grade. The teachers really enjoy this and are able to have the students complete projects with the pumpkins.
- Book Distribution is a big hit! The older students loved the books.
- Tissue Drive/Tissue Tower Contest
 - Tissue Tower contest will be held from December 9-13. It was suggested that each teacher keep some tissues for their classrooms, and then the remaining supply be kept in a central location so that others (Learning support specialists, etc) have access to them also.
 - There will be a Cookie and Milk party for the Contest winner.

New Business

- **Grange Fair Fundraiser**
 - Tickets for Grange Fair would be sold in advance from April 1-15. Tickets go on sale to the public on June 1st. The tickets are not sold at a discount to customers, and the PTO would only get a profit of \$1-2 per ticket.
 - More information is going to be gathered to determine if this is a fundraiser we want to participate in. We don't want to add another fundraiser if it is going to be too much for families.
- **Santa Shoppers:**
 - We have only received 5 responses from the teachers on gift ideas for the classrooms. Going to send a reminder and ask for a link to the items if possible.
 - Amanda Fedisson and Megan Aberegg will be shopping for the classroom gifts.

- Santa Visit will be December 17th. Shelby Hamilton's parents will be here as Santa and Mrs. Claus.
- Deposit Due Dates:
 - We are setting a deadline that all checks that are collected through different Committees need to be cashed within 2 weeks. We have received calls from parents that checks aren't getting cashed in a timely manner.
- Student Spotlight Suggestions:
 - Amanda Grindley needs suggestions for monthly Student Spotlight topics for the PTO newsletter.
 - It was suggested that the Boy Scouts be featured. They broke a record during their recent "Scouting for Food" drive.

Questions or Comments:

- A suggestion was made to hold a School Picnic fundraiser for a day at a local Amusement Park (Delgrosso, Knoebel's) during Summer Break. This would bring families together and can act as a fundraiser for Marion Walker as well. More information will be gathered and discussed.

Next meeting will be January 8, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. at Marion Walker Elementary School Library

Motion made by Amanda Grindley to adjourn at 7:28 p.m.

Approved by: Colleen DeFonzo

Second: Amanda Fedisson

Submitted by Megan Aberegg