

PTA General Meeting  
December 2, 2013

**Attendance**

Brooke LaFave  
Kylie Phillips  
Amy McMahan  
Nikki Spaulding  
Kim Cader  
Jane Al-Tamimi  
Howard Keck  
Regina Reeves  
Mari Nowitz

**Call to Order**

Brooke LaFave called the meeting to order at 6:35.

**Welcome and Introductions**

**Approval of Minutes**

Brooke LaFave motioned to approve minutes from November 4, 2013. Nikki Spaulding seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Principals Report**

Jane asked for a PTA Representative to attend a Superintendents Lunch on December 10, 2013. She added that the lunch would be start at 11:45 and would take place at the Knox Administrative Building. Kylie volunteered to attend.

**Treasurer's Report**

Nikki handed out and reviewed the financials for November (see attached).

**Teacher's Report**

Howard said that the Food Drive was slower this year than in years past. He added that it would run through December 17<sup>th</sup>. Kylie said that she would promote it on the PTA Facebook page.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Garfield Apparel**

Brooke announced that apparel ordering was well under way with the last day to order being December 4<sup>th</sup>. She said that the next thing to focus on would be whether or not the PTA wanted to do a fill in order to resupply stock. It was decided to wait until after the beginning of the year, when the PTA was less busy.

It was then discussed that the teachers would like more options and flexibility for placing their orders. The PTA determined that in the future they would provide teachers with a direct contact at Color Graphics so that they could do their own ordering with the understanding that the PTA would no longer be involved in teacher apparel.

## **eScrip**

Km said there was nothing to report on eScrip at this time.

## **Entryway Bricks**

Kylie announced that the PTA Board was recommending that the PTA offer 450 4" x 8" bricks at \$25 per brick and 50 12x12 bricks at \$225 for text only and \$375 for bricks that include a logo. The consensus was that this was the correct course. Kylie said that sales would begin in January.

## **School Play**

Brooke reported that, in the end, the school play had gone very well. She added that the DVD of the performances had sold very well and that she thought there was an opportunity to charge a little more next year to help the PTA offset the cost of the play.

She added that with the cost of the whole production being in the amount of \$5000, it might be necessary to charge a nominal fee of \$30-\$50, with scholarships available, to help with the costs and to ensure that kids are doing the play because they want to and that it is not just being used as afterschool care.

## **December Events**

### **Bingo/Children's Store**

Kylie said that Children's Store was coming along. She announced that she had sorted through all the existing boxes of gifts and that donations were coming in at a steady pace.

She said that her planning committee has been a huge help. She said her only concern was that they were very short on volunteers for the day of the event. She said she planned to continue to promote volunteer opportunities and that hopefully all positions would be filled.

### **Holiday Spirit**

Nikki that almost all tags had been taken and that she had just gotten 12 tags that were returned from Rotary, which would be posted on the Holiday Spirit Board, the last of the tags.

She also announced that FitLife Studio had approached her wanting to adopt a family. They also offered to purchase shoes for kids who needed them and in any other way they might be able to help. Nikki said needed help measuring shoe sizes for kids. Jane said she would help her with getting those sizes.

Nikki also announced that PTA Holiday Spirit had been approved for a \$600 grant from Rotary.

She added that she was excited that Holiday Spirit had been going so well this year and that the committee had done such an excellent job.

## **Other**

Mari Nowitz discussed box tops. She said that Bob had approved the Bounce House/Popsicle party idea for the classroom that collects the most box tops. She said that she needed to confirm that the PTA would be able handle the party, as she would not. PTA Board confirmed that they would handle the party. She then said that she would go to the Student Poster Committee to have them make posters for the challenge but wondered if there wasn't a way to make it more exciting. It was

suggested that the PTA hold a Pod contests with Pods A & B (k-2) taking on Pod C (3-5). This was seen as a good idea. It was also decided that the contest ends by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Newsletter**

Kylie asked that if anyone had any ideas or stories for January's newsletter, they let her know.

### **January Events**

#### **Movie Night**

It was decided that January's movie be Despicable Me 2. Nikki also said that she would be looking into some lower sugar options for movie nights, including maybe dehydrated fruit and small mixed candy bags.

### **Popcorn**

Brooke announced that she was looking for popcorn subs on Fridays. These persons would be the back up for the regular crew if they couldn't make it. The shift runs from about 11:20-12:00 every Friday.

### **Other**

Amy McMahan said that she had noticed that through the eScrip and Boxtop sites you could shop at many on-line stores and earn money for your school. She said that since it was the Holiday season it might be a good idea to promote this use on the website and Facebook page. Kylie said that she agreed but did not have the time to write something due to other PTA obligations. Amy volunteered to write something that Kylie could post on both the webpage and Facebook. Kylie thanked her for her help.

Nikki said that she thought that something should be done for Theresa Hedwall and Jason Dodge for volunteering every Friday to help with popcorn as well as all their support for the PTA. Nikki then moved that the PTA purchase a \$100 Home Depot Card for Jason and Theresa. Howard Keck seconded this. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28.