

## **PTO Meeting Minutes: March 5, 2019**

**Attendees:** Kristie Mattson, Colleen Bakker, Helen Royer, Jami Demuth, Deb Wegmann, Amy Fell, Kim Bauer, Judy Stoffel, Nikki Brandmeyer, Amie Deegan, Laura Montgomery, Nikki Krieger, Kevin Royer, Katia Burdick, Tabitha Lightfoot, Heidi Hora, Prashanthi Jayasheela, Morgan Yarker, Linda Engel, Christina Hunt, Kim Albers, Bird Gengler, Hollie Trenary

**Meeting called to order by Colleen Bakker.**

**January PTO meeting minutes approved.**

### **Principal's Report:**

In Ed's absence, attendees came up with a list of items they would like to Ed to discuss including: drop off policy, District events like Invention Convention that were cancelled due to weather, confusion surrounding report cards and new grading system, conference times, and an update on the intermediate schools.

### **2019-2020-Executive Board Members and Committee Chairs:**

**Co-President:** Hollie Trenary and Heidi Hora to replace Colleen Bakker

**Vice President:** Helen Royer to resume her current position

**Co-Treasurer:** Kim Albers and Laura Montgomery to replace Kristie Mattson

**Co-Secretary:** Tabitha Lightfoot to replace outgoing Secretary Kim Bauer and Jami Demuth (who will resume her current position)

The following individuals will assume/assist with the following Committees:

Window Decorations: Amy Fell and Nikki Brandmeyer

Conference Meals: Judy Stoffel

Pancake Night: Kevin Royer

### **Old Business:**

Pizza night, although cancelled due to weather was a pizza success. 84 pizzas were ordered and distributed.

Rough Rider night went well.

Pancake Night was successful with 210 plates of pancakes served and everyone had a great time playing Bingo.

Box Top collection was down this Spring.

Hy-Vee receipts will be collected the first week of April.

Super Skate night, there was discussion on whether to hold it next year or change the date.

### **New Business:**

Conference meals next week will be brought in from Java Creek (salads and wraps).

The Westfield Blood Drive is Thursday (Colleen passed around a sign-up sheet).

Sock Hop-Amy Fell reported that Kona Ice will be there. Also, an email for volunteer sign up will be sent out soon. A DJ has been reserved for the night's festivities.

Running Club-Nikki Krieger presented information about a proposed change to the format of running club since the Growl Prowl will not be held this year. The proposed new format will be a 6-week fitness program with a culminating family event. An email asking for parent volunteers will go out this week to be followed by a student sign up. There will be 45 spots available for students in 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade with preference given to students whose parents have signed up to volunteer. The name of the program changed from "Running Club" to "Fit and Fun Club". Colleen will contact Hy-Vee to see if they are willing to donate snacks.

**Officer's Report:**

Current Checking Account Balance: \$18,205.53

Next month we will be voting on the 2019-2020 budget.

We received matching funds from Collins Aerospace who will continue to match in 2019, a \$120 donation, and \$93.20 from Shutterfly. Classroom expenses have been reimbursed. The PTO has paid for the Old Creamery Theater presentation and Linn Mar Foundation Mane Event. The remaining teacher/classroom funds will be spent on special funding requests. Deb Wegmann has asked for new library books. We have \$4500 to leave or rollover for next year. Hollie Trenary motioned that \$3,500 be given to the library to purchase new books and Nikki Krieger seconded the motion.

Kristie gave attendees three proposed budgets: (See attached proposed budgets)

1. A bare bones budget (which takes into consideration a possible cut in funds from the fall fundraiser as well as changes in Hy-Vee receipt reimbursement (Hy-Vee no longer will provide 100% from turned in receipts but will provide 50% in cash and 50% in a gift card).
2. A budget where nothing gets cut (like last year's budget)
3. A budget that includes an increase in funding

Westfield PTO gives the most money back to the school over all the elementary schools in the Linn Mar district.

Teachers will be asked to give feedback on their funding needs and if they have thoughts/suggestions regarding classroom funds.

Attendees were asked to review the three proposed budgets and to share their thoughts at the next meeting.

**Meeting Adjourned.**