



PTA MEETING MINUTES



Hermon Elementary General PTA Meeting
January 10, 2017 ~ 6:00 – 7:00 PM
HES - Room 11

Attendance: Shannon A., Melissa O., Jennifer V., Cindy P., Jessica L., Autumn A. and Shelly T.

Welcome and Introductions - Shannon

Approval of December, 2016 minutes – Cindy (Accepted as read.)

Treasurer's Report – Jennifer (Reviewed financial reports for November.)

- The PTA did receive a check from Box Tops for \$1,260.20 and another check from the Wight's Spiritwear Sale for \$340.35.

Old Business:

1. Feedback on recent events.
 - Holiday craft was very easy. Shannon will look to see if we can purchase similar crafts at a clearance rate from Oriental Trade for next year.
 - There was a good number of food and monetary donations for the Teacher/Staff Appreciation breakfast. The breakfast pizza was a hit!
 - Dunkin Donuts will donate food in the future, but they need two weeks notice beforehand to get approval from the Corporate office.
 - The 'Take a Hand to Lend a Hand' program went very well.
 - There was discussion on if we should move the teacher/staff needs board to a more visible place. One idea is to have a classroom coordinator (parent volunteer) for each classroom to help teachers get the word out to parents on classroom volunteer opportunities and/or needed classroom supplies.
2. Benefit dance with Canaan York – set for Tuesday, January 17th.
 - Jen was able to get a bounce house donated for the event.
 - We'll have cards made up for kids to draw/write on.
 - Jessica and Shelly will inquire with local businesses to see if we can get some food donated. Possibly have pretzels and/or animal crackers and water for snack. If we aren't able to get food donated, a motion was made to allocate up to \$50 to purchase snacks for the event. The motion was seconded and accepted.

New business and announcements:

1. Talent Show
 - Cindy spoke with Mrs. Perry on this and she is OK with doing having this event again this year. Caroline P. will coordinate the show again this year

and will check with the office schedule on when the show can be held (late March/early April).

2. Ideas for next fundraiser

- Discussed changing up the fundraiser – perhaps go with a different fundraising company (i.e. Tupperware, Rada Cutlery, Goodies Factory) or doing a community event instead.
- A community event would take an enormous amount of volunteers and one idea was to ask students from Husson University and/or the high school, looking for volunteer hours, to help out. Ideas for a community event may include a pancake breakfast, a 5-K race, carnival games, art auction, pony rides, concession stands, pig roast, community yard sale, etc. We need to check with Mrs. Perry to get her thoughts on this before proceeding.

Drawing for monthly Box Tops prizes

Congratulations to the three Box Top monthly drawing winners (Maine Discovery Museum passes): Bella T. (Mrs. Bailey), Mason T. (Mrs. Thibodeau) and Nathan H. (Mrs. Lever).

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM

Next general PTA meeting: February 7th, 2017