



## 10/4/2017 Kerr PTO General Meeting

### Welcome: Windy J. Neff

- Thank everyone for coming
- Great 1<sup>st</sup> Month of school, many reports to follow tonight
- Looking forward to a great rest of the school year

### Start School Later: Anne Marie DeGeorge

- Review on the research and reason behind starting HS students later—switching times with elementary students.
- National organization across the country working on this movement
- Bus scheduling is an issue
- Recommendation is to move HS after 8:30am

### School News: Dr. Noro

- 5<sup>th</sup> graders at Camp Allegheny
- Preparing for Open House at the end of the month
- KerrTober Fest at the end of the month
- Kidstuff books in the quiet room—will be moved out soon.
- Spirit Day—cheerleaders and football players here for an assembly.
- Directory is up on PowerSchool
- School ranking has done well—Top title 1 in area.
- New building—little changes here and there. Digging a ditch tomorrow to do some ground testing. Breaking ground in the spring. Won't be open for the start of school 2019...done during the school year 2019-20. June 2020 current building will be demolished.
- Conversation about taking the Kerr garden out to give more recess outdoor space while the new building is being built.
  - Pam Seifried: request to put on the agenda to discuss the removal of the garden this spring to add more outdoor grass space during the new building construction.
  - 5<sup>th</sup> grade gift last year was gift cards to purchase equipment for recess for transitional playground equipment. (Treasurer, Rob has the gift cards. \$5-600)

### ByLaws: Amy Cooper

- The bylaws have been available online with no comment received by the board.
- Motion to approve the bylaws Jess DeBruyn and 2<sup>nd</sup> Rebecca Born
- Vote by members only: 13 yes 0 no.
  - Member list was checked by Secretary during meeting.

### VP Open Position: Amy Cooper

- Currently have an open VP position. Per the bylaws, the board is to appoint someone to fill the position.
- The board is pleased to announce the appointment of Rebecca Born. Rebecca is a mom of a 5<sup>th</sup> grader at Kerr who has faithfully served PTO activities through class party volunteering, summer send off, appreciation co-chair, audit, ice cream social and TAG every year. This will be a 1 year appointment—completing the rest of Windy's VP term, with an election at the end of the year to fill the position for the following year.

### Fundraising:

- Spirit Wear: Maureen Lynch
  - Sold about 95 pieces of spirit wear.
  - Haven't been delivered yet. Hoping to have prior to Friday for homecoming/spirit day.
  - More people used paper forms than the online form.
    - Short turnaround time for this sale and figuring out how to create a form to take payments for the first time—there were issues getting the form going.
    - Online order form site address was not on the paper form and pushed mainly on facebook—it should be advertised better.
  - Jen & Dunbar and Christie Leffakis joining Maureen for a Kerr clothing committee and to get a winter sale going.
  - Less options on this sale than previous ones brought in more sales.
  
- KidStuff: Windy Neff
  - A few books and sales are still trickling in a week and half past the due date
  - As of today we have sold over 120 books and profited over \$1,500.
  - Still 60 books out that need to be tracked down.
  - Needs to have a person dedicated just to good stuff books next year—a lot of work for a board member.
  - We will most likely do this again on our two year cycle due to the money it generates
  
- Dine & Donate: Windy Neff
  - Had our first at Chipotle on Monday and we made \$419.95
  - Dine & Donate is a great easy fundraiser for us and we have decided to expand it to every month except for January.
  - Our Upcoming dates/locations are Gators 11/8 and 11/14 in November and 5 Guys on Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>
  - We are scheduled for Chipotle again in May – as they have the 50% profit and allow twice a year.
  - Room “vote” on where to hold spring dine & donate events. We have 3 Spots to fill for Feb, April & March:
    - Chili's 15% 3 votes
    - Panera 20% 9 votes
    - Panda Express COMING SOON 20% 10 votes
    - La Capalla 20% 3 votes
    - Burger King 20% 0 votes
  - other places to check into
    - Try Rita's
    - Dunkin Donuts
      - Shelly Marcussen got confirmation that they'd be willing to do one.
    - Maybe check into pizza places
    - Check Eat N Park
  
- Poinsettia/Greenery: Kelly Cannon is the chair, not present at meeting
  - Pick up will be on December 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Kelly is waiting on Gumto's for price list and availability of items so she can update our order form
  
- Vendor Blender: Windy Neff

- 45 tables sold (41 last year), can max at 75
- 11/10 is the date of the event
- Know of any vendors direct them to Windy and/or website
- Volunteers needed for food area (more dinner foods),
  - Christie Leffakis looking into food trucks
- Marketing—the Herald, HS making yard signs, church bulletins

**Fox Chapel Estates Development:** Valerie Ewing

- Valerie was contacted by a parent at another FC elementary school to discuss concerns regarding the development of Fox Chapel Estates. (Corner of Fox Chapel and Dorseyville). She is passing along the information.
- Hearing coming up for Fox Chapel Estates— Hearing is on 10/10 at 6pm in Indiana Town if anyone would like to attend.
- Valerie contacted Dr. Freeman—per Dr. Freeman there has been no discussion of bussing kids into schools and the development is still years down the line.

**Scholastic Books:** Windy Neff

- We had a generous anonymous donation and we will be able to provide 1 book up to \$6 +tax to each child in the school.
- Each book bought by the PTO will receive a “gift from the Kerr PTO” sticker.
- The book sale runs from October 23 through the 27<sup>th</sup> and Open during Open House.
- Be sure to check out the teacher wish lists during the sale.

**ASK (after school Kerr) Update:** Terri Ahern has already sent out and recruiting instructors for this coming program and has 5 confirmed. If you know of any instructors or classes, let Terri Ahern know.

**Membership:** Amy Cooper

- 123 members so far.... Online has been great for recruiting members. Over \$900 for the PTO brought in from membership, directory, and additional donations during membership.

**Off Agenda--Group Discussion Summary Points:**

- Recruiting more meeting attendance by finding ways to solicit feedback on topics of discussion.
- A need for knowing about community events
  - Share them with us on facebook
  - Use our section of the website

**Budget:** Rob Wilson

- Overall doing very well—review of budget handout.
- Online payments going very well.
- Jotforms: worth the cost of moving online and having it all electronic and detail worth it.

**Meeting Minutes Approval for September General Meeting:** Rob Wilson motion, Pam Seifried 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

Minutes will be available online and only 1-2 printed copies made available at the following meeting.

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- Meeting attenders brought up concerns with how indoor recess is held at Kerr
  - Suggestion for the PTO to provide carts with age appropriate activities per grade as recess options will be limited with the construction.
  - Additional concerns that there is only 1 recess monitor for each grade for indoor recess.
  - Consider having our faculty liaison reach out to the teachers to find out needs for indoor recess options.
  
- Request to have on the agenda for future meeting discussions
  - Lunch and indoor recess monitoring
    - Details on the lunch monitor position
    - Parent volunteers being able to be present to observe and support
    - Concern with blanket punishments being used for during lunch & recess
      - Assigned seats, no talking, not being able to socialize with other classes, etc

**Motion to close the meeting:**

- Valerie Ewing motions, Rebecca Born 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Meeting adjourned**

**Present at the Meeting:** Christie Leffakis, Jen Dunbar, Victoria Beyer, Jess deBruyn, Pam Seifried, Liz Rambeau, Shelly Marcussen, Maureen Lynch, Rebecca Born, Valerie Ewing, Dr. Noro  
Board: Windy Neff, Rob Wilson, Amy Cooper