

Kerr PTO General Meeting

March 7, 2018



Welcome: Windy Neff

- Thanks for coming. February meeting kept getting snowed out—so no meeting.
- Flyers left over from story hour—feel free to pick up or wait because they will come home closer to the dates.

School News: Dr. Noro

- Check the newsletter for things happening.
- Parent question about school security in light of recent events. Dr. Noro said that Kerr has done lockdown drills in the past and continue to do it.
 - New building—looking at things like upgrading video cameras. Dr. Noro being ALICE trained with the other principals who weren't trained. Looking over all procedures for security.

Budget: Rob Wilson

- All of the ASK teachers and reimbursements are being sent out. Check for the Summer Send Off for Bounce House going out—all in the program but doesn't come out until check is cashed. Math Pentathlon is coming out.
- Just \$500 short of the entire year's budget fundraising goal.
- Created an online field trip form—teachers can send in the information for the field trip so the PTO can plan ahead.
- Each year the 5th grade students in the safety patrol get a party and due to ownership changes in the location of where they are going, the amount is coming in \$150 above what is budgeted. Need a motion to amend the budget.
 - Breanna Mack motions to raise the budgeted amount to \$650 (from \$500) and Pam Seifried 2nd the motion. Passed with no opposition.

Fundraising: Windy Neff

- Originally the board had decided not to do the Pittsburgh Popcorn Fundraiser because there was no chair for it. Jen Dunbar stepped up to run it. Popcorn profit will be \$672.50. Jen is calling tomorrow to double checking to see when she can pick it up—will announce on facebook if there's a need for sorters.
- Dine and Donate: \$112.69 Wildwood Highlands (check was returned—need to follow up to see if we can still get the money) Reminder to always announce you're there for the KerrPTO—may have been part of the reason the amount was so low. Panda Express had an online glitch the night of our fundraiser, so cooperate gave us credit for all of the online orders during our time.
- Dine and Donate coming up we have Panera and Dunkin' Donuts.
- Reminders for Shoparoo and Box Tops –easy money. Shoparoo should get min \$100 and we have over \$1000 for Box Tops this school year.
- Spirit Wear: joint with Hartwood next fall to assist with meeting minimum sales to get better products.

Nominating Committee: Pam Seifried

- Full committee includes Pam along with Roseanne LeDonne and Christie Leffakis. Nominations so far for John Zeiner for Treasurer and April Zeiner for Vice President. Received an email of more names from the board. Pam will be contacting the other names received this week.

- **NOTE ON ELECTRONIC VOTE:** Due to the 2 February meetings being cancelled due to weather, we did an electronic vote, per our bylaws, as we needed to elect a nominating committee, per our bylaws. The vote went out for about 1 week and was 22-0 passed. Pam Seifried, Roseanne LeDonne and Christie Leffakis are the committee.
- Pam Seifried made an announcement regarding the parent involvement around the middle school proposed schedule changes and encouraged people to get informed and involved.

Movie Night: Jen Dunbar and Breanna Mack

- Breanna will be picking up popcorn tomorrow and getting it bagged. Jen has 15 pizzas pre-order.
- We need volunteers for the pizza table.

Kerr Garden: Pam Seifried

- Boy Scout Pack 81 is helping take down the garden outside of Kerr. The pack wants to take out plants that can be transplanted to move them to other local parks. Dr. Noro has requested a couple week notice as to when it will be bulldozed over and other items need to be removed from the site.

5th Grade Committee: Pam Seifried

- 5th graders does Penny Wars each year. They raised \$423.38 this year. They would like to combine with money from last year (currently in the form of gift cards) and put towards recess equipment.

Used Book Sale: Windy Neff (read report from Stacy Graham)

- Over 1,000 books donated from students. 1,352 books sold and over 250 books also given away during the sale. PTO made \$338.

ASK: Windy Neff

- need a chair for next year. Speak with Terri Ahern if interested.
- Roxanne Aquararo asked if her instructor fee could just be put back into the program.
- PTO provided snack
 - Other schools have students provide their own snack
 - Issues with students complaining about PTO provided snacks, throwing away snacks, and being intentionally messy with the snacks.
 - Discussion about putting more money towards snacks next year and also making an effort to get more organizers/volunteers to relieve some of the work burden.

Math: no report shared. Parents present at the meeting who participated in math commented on the great turn out of Kerr students at the DMS day and also the shirts.

Staff Appreciation: Windy Neff

- Jen Dunbar and Windy working on it. Movie/VIP theme. First week of May. Supply day, stars, lunch, breakfast, photo opps, chalk stars on sidewalk, etc.

Volunteer Opportunities: Windy Neff

- need 3-4 more people for summer send off. Kindergarten teachers have asked for a few volunteers 5:30-7 on April 5th.
- District Forum is looking for another representative.

- Vendor Blender: need more volunteers to help run it. Conversation to add a school event or some other draw to get participants/shoppers out for the vendors.

Summer Send Off: Windy Neff

- Recruiting more organizers to help run it (current chairs are Jen Dunbar and Jess DeBryun)
- May be a challenge with construction starting as to outside locations to be used
- Jess is making contact with place for last year to get shirts ordered
- Inflatables are ordered and paid for

Motion to approve meeting minutes from January 2018: Jen Dunbar motions Rob Wilson second to approve meeting minutes. None opposed.

Motion to adjourn: Breanna Mack motions to adjourn. Pam Seifried 2nds. None opposed.

Meeting Attendance: Windy Neff, Amy Cooper, Rob Wilson, Jen Dunbar, Breanna Mack, Pam Seifried, Valerie Ewing, Roxanne Aquaro, Dr. Noro, Jess DeBruyn, April Zeiner, John Zeiner