

Tenth Street PTO

Meeting Data: November 13, 2018 at 9:00am

Location: Tenth Street Faculty Lounge

Attendance: approximately 6 parents, 1 teacher

Tenth Street PTO Meeting Minutes:

1. Call to order: 9:04 am

2. Officer's Reports

- a. **President** – Kristen Hemingray –Welcome and introductions.
- b. **Treasurer**– Jessica Condron- Presented current financials. We have received approximately \$14K in revenue last month. Donation costs out including recent field trips totaled approximately \$2,400 and we had an additional \$15,661 in expenditures. Total balance on hand as of 10/31 is \$46,633.13. Motion to approve: Laurie Sliben and Allison Rocchini.
 - a. It was mentioned that the Giant Eagle fundraiser is still in place during our discussion and we have received our first check from Amazon for Amazon Smile purchases.
- c. **Secretary** – Molly Walsh – October meeting minutes for review. Motion to approve: Peggy Jaafar and Allison Rocchini.

3. Committee Reports

- **After School Enrichment:** Jessica Condron, Alicia Gerard, OPEN– Jessica looked into the issue with insurance for programs being run by teachers. The problem is that anyone that runs a program and is paid needs to have their own liability insurance. She was told that teachers might be able to get their own insurance through an endorsement on their homeowners' insurance. If that option doesn't work, she is looking into getting quotes for individual policies. In the past, the cost for this was typically \$400-500. If it makes sense through an income perspective the teachers could take out their own policies, then could be reimbursed by the PTO for this expense. We will continue to look into the options and check with teachers on their thoughts/willingness to do so. Truthful Art started last week. 26 students are enrolled. Class hit capacity and there are 10 students on the waitlist for the next class which will most likely start in February. Jessica is looking into a new vendor to run the STEM class. Company that is being explored is called Outside the Box Laboratories. Class would be 5 weeks and

include a free assembly for the school. We are looking for a chaperone to make sure all participating students are connected with their parents after dismissal. It was suggested that any parent who is willing to chaperone through the class their child would receive a waived class cost. Class is expected to cost \$65.00. Motion for this to be approved was presented by Jessica Condron and seconded by Laurie Sliben.

- Art to Remember- Heather Deem, Krista Quinlan. Fundraiser is taking place in the Spring.
- **Book Fair:** Peggy Jafaar, Kristen Hemingray – The first Book Fair was very successful! We had \$1,000 increase in sales! There were approximately 85 books donated to Children’s Hospital. We also had a lot of books donated to the teachers’ class libraries. We are looking into having the next book fair with Game Night on March 1st.
- **Contest and Grants-** Bridget Decker- Bridget has applied for approximately 6 more grants for Water Fountains with the bottle filler. Still waiting to hear back on the status of these grants. She also applied for a gift card at Target and we were awarded \$25.00. We received 20 Disney Tickets. They are 1-day hopper passes and are a \$90.00 value. The tickets are good for 2 years. We will use the tickets for different raffles and giveaways throughout the year. First will be for the book fair. We are going to look into applying for a Small Games of Chance license to hold different raffles. Cost is approximately \$25.00 for the license. We are also looking into an American Girl Doll contest. Finally, we are possibly going to apply for an Annie’s grant next year that would go toward gardening.
- **General Mills Box Tops:** Emily Aftanas, Lisa Devita – \$500.00 box top goal was reached!!! Students will receive an extra recess before the end of the calendar year!
- **Holiday Store-** Kristen Hemingray, Peggy Jaafar, Amanda Allis. Holiday store will take place December 5-7. Amanda Allis is coordinating volunteers for the week. Store will take place on the Auditorium stage once again. Kristen has been busy throughout the year stocking inventory!
- **Movie Night-** Leah Franczyk- Our first movie night of the year will take place on November 30th. It will be a parent’s night out and will take place from 6:00-9:00. A handful of students are signed up so far. The movie being shown is the Muppets Christmas. In addition to the movie, tentative plans for students also include snacks, board games and a craft.
- **Pajama Drive-** Emily Aftanas, Jen Brenza. This year it is being requested that all Pjs donated be size 2T and larger. No infant pjs are needed. Flyers will be going home with students in the next week.

- **Restaurant Night-** Dave Decker- We have had a couple more fundraisers take place since last meeting. The Oakmont Tavern donated \$50.00 based on sales from their restaurant night last month. Mystery Lover's Bookstore donated \$88.00 based on sales. What's Cooking at Casey's fundraiser will take place tomorrow. Great to have Tenth Street families support our local businesses.
- **Student Directory:** Michelle Battaline, Krista Quinlin – We have decided to have this printed outside with a local vendor. Two quotes were received. It was voted by all attending members to approve the costs of printing which would be approximately \$300.00. Each family will receive a directory free of cost. Motion to approve Jessica Condron, Allison Rocchini.
- **Teacher and Staff Appreciation-** Molly Walsh, Missy McFadden, Melissa Havran. We provided teachers and staff with breakfast and treats on Parent Teacher conference day on behalf of the PTO.
- **Teacher Holiday Gifts-** Paula Tomlinson, Amanda Allis. Flyer for this effort will be sent home before Thanksgiving.
- **Yearbook:** Krista Quinlin, Allison Rocchini, Lindsay Loughren, Nicole Farkas, Kristen Hemingray– Pre-orders are still available at a discounted rate. Please remember to share pictures with the group from field trips, class parties, etc.

4. Principal's Report Mr. Z discussed the following items:

- Over \$1,000 was raised for the Turkey Fund by Tenth Street families. PNC will match this amount to give over \$2,000 raised.
- The Veteran's Day celebration took place last Friday. There was a lot of participation and the Veteran's really seemed to enjoy it as usual.
- Tenth's Street Got Talent will take place on Friday. The students will have an assembly for their peers during the school day and for families Friday evening.
- The issue with the school's playground is now a school board issue. They will determine if the park should be open to the community after school hours and what equipment should remain in the park.
- We have received a new recycling bin at the school. Student Council will now receive a small amount of money for items recycled.
- Active shooter training was conducted for staff by a PA State Trooper which included mock footage and audio. The staff also received safety care training in each school on how to act should a student become angry or aggressive.
- A tour was conducted at Davidson Inventionland to view a possible Makers Space for the school library. It is yet to be determined how much this space will cost and what each entity would be asked to contribute should it be deemed that we would like to have one installed.

5. Unfinished business

- Proposal for bylaws change- The Board has made several small changes to the PTO bylaws. We went over each change and will have these available at the next meeting before we vote to have them made officially.

6. New business

- We voted to approve the purchase of up to \$1,000 for reusable shopping bags for students for the Holiday Store. The bags purchased will most likely be in school colors and will include the new PTO logo. Each student will receive one free of cost. Motion to approve- Kristen Hemingray and Laurie Sliben.
- We also voted to purchase 5 sets of Magnatiles for classrooms to use for indoor recess. Cost is approximately \$600. Kristen made a motion to approve which was seconded by Allison Rocchini.

Motion to Adjourn meeting – Kristen Hemingray, Molly Walsh @ 10:35am

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 15th, 2018 at 6:30 pm in the Tenth Street Teacher's Lounge