

Howe PTC Meeting Minutes December 1, 2016

Attendance: Tina Miller, Andrea Wagner, Greg Jerabek, Jean Robinson, Becky Stultz, Shannon Irwin, Jenny Riggerbach, Gabrielle Scheuneman, Lisa Black, Sherry Kopchik.

Call to order at 6:02 pm.

Officer's Reports:

President Report: None

Secretary's Report: Minutes from Nov. 3 meeting read and approved, mail distributed.

Treasurer's Report:

- November expenditures included school shirts (over budget), reimbursements for lobby case lock, conferences meal for staff (under budget) and two reimbursements for teachers moving classrooms.
- Income for November included 2 gift cards from the School Store fundraiser and Rubi Reds fundraiser.

Committee Reports:

Shannon Irwin gave an update on the December Family Night planning:

- They will be using ceramics donated from Karen Potter-Jaecks and there will be an ornament and other crafts for the kids to make.
- She was looking for help getting some bulk items (hot chocolate, piping bags, etc.) Tina Miller will check with Cisco for prices on the cocoa. Crafts will be from 6-7pm and a short movie will play at 7pm.
- Jenny Riggerbach is donating frosting. Cookies will be purchased from IGA.
- There will also be a draw to give away books and posters from the Bookfair.

Becky Stultz reported that her church's community outreach program has some money set aside that they would like to donate to Howe school.

- She will call them to ask if they would be willing to purchase the cookies for December Family Night.
- She created a beautiful flyer for Friday folders to promote December Family Night. Color copies of this flyer will be hung up around the school and Jenny Riggerbach will post it on Facebook.

Principle's Report:

- Tina Miller shared a thank you card from the staff for the meal PTC purchased for conferences.
- The school landscaping was spruced up thanks to the Thrivent donation and volunteer participation on October 12. Phase two of this project will occur in the spring, including seeding for grass in the spring.
- Tina will contact Karen Potter-Jaecks about when and where to deliver the ceramics for December Family Night.
- Pastor Cheryl and Andy Dewit have been in contact discussing First English mentor and social/emotional support program.

- A printout explaining the results of the Wisconsin Dept. of Public Instruction School Report Card was dispersed and the results were discussed. The score was lowered due to test administration difficulties so going forward Tina expects the score to improve.
 - To further bolster progress, Tina feels it would be beneficial to have adult readers volunteer in the school to do rereads with the kids that they may not be getting at home. Some options for volunteer resources such as Women's Leadership council were contributed.
 - Another way to improve testing may be to have volunteers available in the cafeteria to help keep kids calm and focused.
- Tina proposed centering a Family Fun Night around parent education, and PTC would plan fun activities to engage the kids while the parents learn.

Teacher Requests:

- Two requests for November were made, one for laundry detergent to wash Top Dog T-shirts and another for classroom games to be used during indoor recess time. Motion to approve both requests was passed.

Old Business:

Book Fair

- The highest profit level was reached, so PTC earned 50% of the profit amount in books and goods from Scholastic. We also got to keep the preview pack that was displayed in the lobby, about \$90 worth of books.
- The ending credit amount with Scholastic is \$1193.16 after several books were purchased for class rooms and the December Family Night book giveaway.
- If we reach this level of profit at the next Bookfair, the one proceeding it will be a BOGO, for every book purchased the kids get one free.
- A motion was passed to grant \$50 per classroom of Scholastic book credit to be spent at the teacher's discretion.

New Business:

- PTC will put a "Warm Holiday Wishes from PTC" display in the glass case in the lobby. Becky Schultz will coordinate and Sherry Kopchik, Andrea Wagner and Shannon Irwin will contribute.
- Jean Robinson volunteered to create a paper "Giving Tree" on the lobby wall. Staff will fill out paper ornaments of classroom needs or wishes and parents will fulfill them.
- There is combined Partnership/PTC event scheduled for January 26. Parent Partnership will be holding a chili feed and PTC will be sponsoring a dance on this evening. A disco theme and PTC sponsored family pictures were discussed. Jean Robinson's husband will supply music. A committee was not determined for the event.
- Next Bookfair will be held March 16th through the 21st. Preview days will again be held for kids to check out the books. It was decided to hold this in the PTC room as before and put up posters to direct people to this location.
- A Family Game Night will be held March 16th and a Family Read-In Night will be held on March 21st to coincide with the Bookfair.
- School Carnival will be held on April 28th as reported by chair Jenny Riggenschach.
- Andrea Wagner will report a set date for Rock the Walk fundraiser in spring at the next meeting. Tina Miller suggested giving a Howe water bottle to all participants.

Announcements:

- Next PTC Meeting will be held on January 5th at 6pm.

- Any items to be included in the Howe PTC Newsletter or on upcoming PTC meeting agendas should be emailed to Becky Stultz becky.stultz@charter.net.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27pm.