



GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING - September 11, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

The meeting was called to order by PTA President Natasha Neely at 7:05 p.m. Fiesta Charra Dewitt.

PRESENT: Natasha Neely, Emalee Fields, Emily Fabry, Amy Bertram, Lauren Stebbins, Jen Roberts, Alison Wright, Crystal Cook, Tracey Troy, Linda Reha, Deanna Gates, Sherry Kristof, Carolyn Pauli, Melissa Kramer, Linda Reha

II. INTRODUCTIONS

III. REPORT OF OFFICERS

- a. Treasurer's Report – Teacher lunch successful, getting back to school. Switching out our accounting group for one more responsive. Skating night added back into budget (not done last year); brief review of events in the budget.
- b. Approval of Treasurers Report and New Budget – Building budgets at \$4k with hopes we can increase to \$6k; building rep budgets upped to \$800; targeting \$1k; adding support for Little Panthers – potentially revise budget in Dec/Jan – Tracey motioned to approve, Emalee seconded.
- c. Vice President's Report – SignupGenius for Tailgate, Monster Mash, Denim and Diamonds etc. Michelle recommends to email the teachers for when the signup goes live.
- d. President's Report – Teacher lunches were a big success. New events – ideas! Brainstorm on how to get A/C in our schools. Statistics – school loses percent of learning for every day over 85 degrees; all the revamps for safety aren't as helpful when doors are propped open; health concerns. Estimates are \$60-80k per building; we approved a 25 million bond but did not earmark any for this. Jen recommended bringing Dr. Dieter and school board members to discuss at a future meeting. Linda Reha contributed that maintenance and power bills are difficult to plan for with state funding we have. Sherry – in another state, the district dealt with hot temps with early dismissal on hot days? STEM nights – science and tech. Emalee – at Herbison Woods they have coding club and robotics club. Tracey Troy has a list of teachers who are working in this space. We are adding a health and wellness event this year. Put on next meeting's agenda.
- e. Membership Report – Enter printout of Tracey's report into record. We have received raffle teacher supply cakes from Grubagh Orthodontics.
- f. Communications Report – Crystal Cook – Google for non-profits account. overview of social media accounts, Facebook, Instagram – we have reach of 1000k – We have 600 PTA likes on Facebook. Do a poll on what people want to use. Consider Twitter. Google for non-profits account. Melissa suggested 'Throwback Thursday' pictures in advance of an event. Use #ptadewitt in all posts, #ptaproud gets national acknowledgement. Ideas for content, Wisdom Wednesday, Teacher Tuesday, discounts at places like Staples, Lifetouch, Lifelock, AARP
- g. Added to Agenda: Approval of prior meeting minutes – Crystal Cook moved to approve; Emalee Fields seconded. Motion passed.

IV. Committee Report

- a. Spirit Wear – update about closure of sales, delivery timelines. No update on sales numbers.
- b. Tailgate – Starts at 5. Meredith Blixt will convene a committee meeting to get all plans finalized.
- c. Monster Mash – Jen Benson Oct 25 – Halloween dance, costumes, both gyms at Herbison Woods. Dance/DJ in one, food, face painting, etc. in other gym. 6-8 p.m. Canned good donation to St. Jude/Redeemer. Also have done stocking the emergency snack pantry.
- d. Denim & Diamonds – Nov 3, Jen and Michelle. Classroom basket coordinator requests have been going out. Still need a lot of coordinators – meeting next Monday in HW Media Center. Looking for sponsors at the 4 levels. Bridge Street Realty and Dewitt Chamber of Commerce. Do a tree for festival of trees w/ Chamber to improve participation. 9 cash sponsors (including some new), 6 silent auction items, Grubagh, Dr. Vitek – Hamilton tickets! Subway, Ms. Hansen – horseback riding, Chateau Chantelle Winery, Eikenhout upped donation and giving a silent auction item. Liquor and raffle licenses are all set. Still seeking additional donors/sponsors. Ellison Brewery. Accept donations online? Paypal, Facebook? Amanda Thomson is basket coordinator.
- e. Original Works – The flyers and social media stuff will be coming out soon. Orders will be wrapping up in October. Tracey – how are we able to digitally pay – can we use memberhub store. We will have an online store because Tracey made a friend at memberhub for Michigan.

V. Building Updates

- a. Fuerstenau (Little Panthers Preschool) – Natasha will be unofficial building rep – they’re getting used to not having a copier. Started preschool last week.
- b. Schavey Road – Carolyn and Sherry; we had food the first day. It’s been hot. Volunteers for pictures. Still working out pickup and drop-off line.
- c. Scott School – Linda – learning lots of procedures. Mascot ‘Professor Scott’ on the morning news has been a big hit. Reconfig of the grades has been a challenge but we are getting there. We recommend you pickup from Scott before Schavey, because it’s really working for pickup at Scott.
- d. Herbison Woods – Deanna – getting used to lockers, new grades together. Food is good...we still need another HW rep

VI. NEW BUSINESS/IDEAS/PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Unsure when the new teacher contracts will be finalized. They have an agreement on a 2-year contract.

VII. ADJOURN Meredith motioned, Emalee seconded at 8:14