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Linwood Elementary School PTA

Tuesday, November 21, 2017 | 6:01 pm

In Attendance

President Christina Smentek, Vice President Kari Sampson, Treasurer Andi Zacher, Secretary Lisa Roggenkamp, Principal Joe Mueller, Staff Representative Amber Pearl, Staff Monica O'Rourke, Staff Cindy Prestegaard, Amy Henry, Angie Anondson, Ashlee Loch, and Jennifer Braido

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Andi Zacher presented the Treasurer's Report. Monica O'Rourke expressed a big thank you to the PTA for the subscription of "Time For Kids" magazine.

Color-A-Thon Update

Color-A-Thon Co-Chair Andi Zacher went through the numbers from the Color-A-Thon event that took place on Saturday, October 7th. The kids brought in just over \$6,000 however our net take home was \$2,537.10. This was due to School-a-thon taking about 50% of the profit, cost for the t-shirts, food sales, extra color, etc.... There was discussion about how Booster-A-Thon will take 50% of our profits for the spring Fitness Challenge. It was suggested that we get businesses to sponsor the t-shirts and have their names on the shirts. Typically, this will cover beyond the cost of the shirts.

Turkey Bingo Update

Chair Tina Ilstrup was not present. President Christina Smentek reported that we had a good turnout. We raised \$1,962.00, expenses of about \$320 (not including the invoice from the cafeteria), net take home of \$1,640.00. Christina will work with Tina on the ice cream and treat for the Kindergartner's for bringing the most items in.

Principal Joe Mueller suggested that next year find a way to advertise that this is only for if you are playing bingo. There were lots of kids who didn't want to play Bingo and were over in the gym being loud and a little out of control. Maybe move the Bingo into the gym and have an organized activity in the cafeteria. Monica O'Rourke said in the past they used to have a Craft/Vendor fair going on at the same time, suggested the Girl and/or Boy Scouts, area crafters, face painting, etc.... Things to think about for the future.

Box-Tops Update

Chair Amy Henry reported that she received a payout for the Box Tops of \$464.20. She will be starting a competition, something with snowballs. Requesting some wall space for the snowball competition campaign. The next payout will be in March.

Cub Foods Fundraiser - Option

Elizabeth Kiserow stopped into Cub Foods in Forest Lake to solicit for donations for the Linwood Luau. They would not donate however, they would allow us to bag groceries. She is waiting for more information regarding this: dates, times, etc... Cub told her that most organizations raise on average \$1,500. If we decide to do this, we would have everyone wear the orange PRIDE shirts. Older kids can help bag groceries, and younger kids can help by setting bags up, maybe coloring "Thank You" pictures to give to customers.

Linwood Luau Update

Co-chairs were not present to give an update. Secretary Lisa Roggenkamp provided update. Most businesses have been contacted in the area; Forest Lake, Linwood, Stacy, Wyoming, etc... We have already started to receive donations in. All donations are being stored at the school. We are waiting to hear from Split Rocks to schedule a meeting to go over room layout options, second bar locations, decorations, also figure out pop donation from Bernicks. Also looking into options regarding payment for auction items; Square, PayPal, etc... Requesting Treasurer Andi Zacher to help with this.

Winter Adventure Day

Community Education has in their program a Winter Adventure Day taking place in the school forest on January 27th. Principal, Joe Mueller, reported that this may or may not be in conjunction with the YMCA. There hasn't been any discussion with the School Forest Board regarding this. Lunch is supposed to be provided, but do not know details. Adventure day is supposed to feature three (3) stations of wilderness survival; one showing different animal furs, one with winter survival tips, and another with snowshoes/cross country skis. The event is \$29/family to participate. Jennifer Braidon, School Forest Board Member, reported that the event is not an issue to do, its just new news to them. Also wondering if this is going to be competing against ice-skating behind the senior center. The Moonlight Hike will also be taking place that same day.

Principal's Report

Joe Mueller reported that the Johnny Appleseed presentation was a great success today. He wasn't aware that the Johnny Appleseed kids was such a character!

He was in a meeting today regarding the exterior of the building. During the construction the school will be very tight, space wise. They will need to find space for a copy room, title room, teacher's lounge will disappear, the media center will probably be half the current size. They should be in their new space by next summer. There will be changes to the parking lot for parent's dropping kids off and also for the buses, including the front entrance. They may start the demo over spring break and will continue all summer. There will be a temporary hallway built connecting the two (2) halves of the building together. It will remain this way all of 2018/2019 school year and summer of 2019. The other end will be all brand new starting in the fall of 2019.

Announcements

A flyer for a Food & Toy Drive went home in the Friday Folders today. There was a question about if this replaced the Giving Tree from the Turkey Bingo. There was not a giving tree this year at Turkey Bingo. The

past few years the Giving Tree struggled. Principal Joe Mueller reported that this could be re-done for next year.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is Tuesday, December 19 at 6:00pm in the Linwood Elementary School Library.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.

*Submitted by: Lisa Roggenkamp
PTA Secretary*