PTA Minutes

Spring Glen School

November 14th, 2018 | 6:35pm | Meeting called to order by Anne Powers

# In Attendance

See attached. Board Members present: Anne Powers, Co-President; Kristen Talwalkar, Co-President; Liz Lowe. VP; Angela Ames, Co-Treasurer; Tammy Freeberg, Co-Treasurer; Christy Czekaj, Membership; Heather Wainwright (late arrival). All members introduced.

# Approval of Minutes

Motion: Christy Czekaj: Approve October minutes; Second: Liz Lowe: Motion carried unanimously

# Presidents’ Report

Anne Powers gave update.

* Expect $500 in Box Tops; we are still counting and could use help
* Reminder that Block Grants are $600 per grade
* $1250 raised by Election Day Bake Sale; thank you to all who assisted
* Some Spirit wear T-shirts preordered; Friday/Monday arrival (conferences); more ordered for sale
* Need babysitters Friday, 1:30 -3:30pm; Tuesday, 5:30 – 7:30pm
* PTA Membership: 232 members 72.9% PTA/ 100% of staff
* SIGN UP Genius for Book Fair
* Holiday Shoppe is about to get started; Hanukkah starts Dec 2nd
* Teachers very happy with Amazon cards and Block Grants

# Treasurers’ Update

Angela Ames presented treasurer’s report, (attached): no questions. Noted we spend more than accrued this time of year.

# 6th Grade Report

* No report. Anne Powers noted the 6th grade must label their fundraising flyers ***as 6th Grade.***

# Principal’s Update

Howard Hornreich gave update.

* Report cards are out; conferences are next week
* Ms. Redmond organizing fundraising for: animal shelter, breast cancer; family in need
* Town of Hamden reached out for a matching $100 Foodbank grant; PTA and Principal’s discretionary matched
* SGS will collect for Foodbank in December
* Specials faculty, Art, Music, P.E. coordinating an Empathy Unit
* Watch the SGS Happenings webpage/emails from Principal Hornreich for more

# Afterschool Enrichment Update

Dave Heller gave update.

* This session 10 groups running 16 programs with 200 sign-ups (reps about 1/3 student enrollment)
* Started language program – “Small World” out of Cheshire. Expensive, but quality; small enrollment but they want to come back
* Scholarship usage: 1 enrollment held at ½ price paid by PTA
  + Christy Czekaj – scholarship for Spanish was challenging
  + Heather Wainwright– maybe enlist support of social worker
* Pilot bus program: Under-utilized– only two students
  + Tammy Freeberg– another barrier may be the need families have for 5-days of care
* Dave Heller: we have 1/3 kids participating given the barriers… 20% of school is free/reduced lunch; 4% of that population is utilizing ASE programs. If programs were used at 20% (population equity), scholarship need would be about $11,000 a year
* Possibility for asking for more $ from programs
* Research question for Treasurer: would a change in pay structure does that affect insurance coverage?

# Mid Winter’s Night in the Glen

Kristin Kristen Talwalkar gave update.

* Tickets $35 before new year; $45 after that. Please everyone – talk this up!
* Adult night: dinner, drinks & a show
* Motion Tammy Freeberg; Second Heather Wainwright: PTA allow the increased of expenditures of Night Glen, PROVIDED the net fundraising of $5k is met
* Motion carries; no opposed

# New Business

* School Play will be Fantom Tollbooth Jr. May 10th & 11th at the middle school
* Diversity and Inclusion Committee: New Chair Zabeeba (sp?) introduced to membership at meeting
  + Newton – to provide teacher training
  + Kristen Talwalkar working to bring speaker/trainer to work with PTA
* Need a Fundraising Chair
  + Discussion on sponsorship fundraising plan, looking at pros and cons of combining 5K and School Play sponsorship.
    - Pros: simplification of process; lessens risk of ‘burning out’ local sponsors with too many requests;
    - Cons: 5K and Play very different sponsor audience; actual of competition or sponsorship fatigue may be marginal.
    - Christy Czekaj will take lead on the Playbill.
  + Anne Powers proposed we add a Fun Glow Run: in-school physical activity; every student is involved; funds raised by sponsorships.
    - This item not in budget: Anne Powers motioned to include this fund raiser; Heather Wainwright seconded; Motion carried unanimously
  + Howard Hornreich and Dave Heller will look into “Yard Goats” fundraiser

# Next Meeting

**December 12th, 3:45pm, Spring Glen School Library**

Motion to adjourn 7:40pm, Heather Wainwright; Second: Anne Powers; Carried unanimously

*Minutes respectfully submitted, 12/12/18*

*Heather Wainwright, Secretary*