

## Lexington PTO Monthly Meeting

Thursday, October 1, 2020

Attendees: Erin Weber, Rachel Frank, Jenn Jones, Laura Muir, Ashley Bolin, Ashley Chapman, DarylAnn McNamara, Amy Hardman

### 1. *Welcome & Introductions* (Erin Weber, PTO President)

### 2. *Treasurer's Report*

- Erin gave report due to Marie (Treasurer) being absent from meeting
- We are going to increase budget for Parent/Teacher conference meals. Due to the differences in P/T conferences & Covid, we are asking for different donations from parents. Erin asked for a motion to approve an increase in budget to \$750. Rachel Frank motioned to increase, Laura Muir (?) seconded, unanimous approval to increase.

### 3. *Upcoming Events/Programs*

#### a. **Otis Spunkmeyer Fundraiser**

- Very successful fundraiser
- Erin asked for best way to do the pick up due to some items needing freezer or refrigerator. Julie & Erin will discuss later... Erin will ask Abby (elementary school secretary) to send out an email.

#### b. **Fan Cloth Round 2**

- Sold 80 items during the second round, so we made money off that too. Second round items will be delivered in about a week.

#### c. **Facebook Contest**

- If someone shared our posts for the fundraisers, their names were put into a drawing for different items. We selected those and distributed them to the winners this week. Names were announced on the PTO FB page.

#### d. **Kindergarten Shirts**

- Erin is going to reach out to the person doing them and Jenn Jones will pick up. Erin opted for dry-fit material this year (\$2/more per shirt). We are still under budget.
- DarylAnn asked about the ceremony for shirts for Kindergartners shirts. Erin said we will wrap them up and then set a date (maybe next week).

#### e. **Conference Meals**

- Amy Hardman: Doing a boxed meal from BWW (includes fries & a drink) - but she's going to ask them to cut the cost a bit because we don't need drinks. Teachers will have three options for meals. She will send out a parent sign up genius tomorrow (3 cookies in a bag, 12 bags; water bottles; etc). She is asking that they are prepackaged for teachers. Desserts & water to drink (night 1). Night 2 is Avanti's (salad or sandwich option). Sign up genius will do chips and other drinks. 44 teachers & admin b/c there are no para pros.

- Jenn Jones will take care of the waters, donating them all.

- Food will be put in the small gym. Laura Muir & Amy Hardman will be there at 3:30-4 pm to help distribute.

#### f. **Fall Festival**

- Julie Strating: We are trying to keep our classes in their units for contact tracing. The nature of this event draws the kids all together, plus usually needs volunteers to come into the building which they are trying not to do. But they do have a bit of a plan...

- Ashley Bolin: We are planning to buy each student a pumpkin, take them to Keller Park & let them pick their pumpkin. They'll get cider & donuts, it's like a virtual field trip day. Planning something for each grade level in that budget range (\$30-40).

- Erin: Yes, we are good with using the budgeted money for that.

#### g. **Be A Star**

- Julie Strating: We know we still want to do it (explained it a bit for those that aren't aware - bring in adults to read, kicks off book reports for Kindergarten level). We are still

planning to do Be A Star but just reworking it so volunteers aren't coming in. We will send information to parents that they can watch through a video. Asked for approval to do it this way and still have PTO purchase the \$1 book per child, and possibly any supplies. This usually goes on the beginning of November & book reports go on until Christmas break.

**h. Red Ribbon Week**

- Erin: This will be last week of October. Pam confirmed with Erin that the budget is still available (yes) and asked for ideas. Amy H said that they could do a Pie in the Face or a Kiss the Cow - they'd vote by tokens in jars. Ashley Bolin will pass ideas/info on to Nurse Pam.

**i. Spirit Wear**

- Erin shared that Stacy got some information regarding a different shop to use. We are holding off for a bit (until Spring) because Boosters are moving forward with something. If they don't do youth items then we could potentially move forward with those.

**j. PTO Communications**

- Julie will touch base with Abby & Katie who have been working on the website. They can potentially update the site with "New to District" info. Julie will reach out to Rachel to get her list too.

**4. 2020 Spring Carnival Donations**

- Erin: We had leftover donations from the carnival (carnival did not happen due to Covid. We can't do a raffle b/c we aren't a 501c. Community Center may be an option; Laura Muir suggested doing it at Christmas on the Prairie. Erin will talk to Star to see if we could add a table to Christmas on the Prairie or Ladies Night.

**5. 2020 Fundraising Goal**

- Erin: We may have some money at the end of the year for furniture, etc. Julie talked about the potential need for different pieces of furniture and what approval she may need to get from the board. DarylAnn asked if the yearly goal changes year to year. Erin/Amy: We talk about it each year but we are the 4th or 5th year of agreeing to donate \$5,000 for a project to the school (i.e. smartboards, u-shaped tables, etc)

**6. Around the room**

- DarylAnn: Are we still looking or needing fundraisers for this year, knowing that Winter Carnival is out (are we in need?). (A: yes) Amy H: Things could be totally different in the spring, next fall, etc.

- Jenn Jones: Thinking we should get info out (form of flyer, etc) regarding Kroger plus card rewards & Casey's rewards & Amazon Smile. Rachel will add something to the PTO page and potentially create little flyers to go home with kids. Jenn Jones will take over the Script gift cards with advertisement.