

PTO Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2023 7:00 p.m.
Deerfield Elementary School Library

Call Meeting to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:08 PM.

Attendees: Carrie Ammerman, Melinda Kamrath, Denise Kelley, Valerie Manning, Kim O'Shea, Kassy Dushenski, Nikki Gorkowski, Kayla, Sarah Riffle, Abby Reuter, Jessica Regan, Kailee Borchert, Sarah Hart, Kati Dudley, Pa Nhia Lee Chentnik, Ann Kessenich

Approval of Minutes from September Meeting

Minutes approved.

President's Report: Carrie Ammerman

UAH (United Against Hate) joining craft fair to share their organization. Not selling anything.

Do we allow the booth for an organization? If we do for 1, will we have to do for all?

What if we had them volunteer to help out and can hand out flyers then?

Maybe have them take tickets and hand out pamphlets?

Giving a volunteer opportunity for an organization without a product to sell sets a baseline for future organizations.

Treasurer's Report: Denise Kelley

CD rates are at 5.4% for an 11 month CD versus 0.15 in savings, motion to move \$4500 to CD for this year.

Motion approved.

Principal's Report: Melinda Kamrath

Enrichment program–Brightstar Touring Theatre.

Alternate assemblies (morning and afternoon) for 4 year olds.

Kids at our school always get good reviews from the performers.

Family in town has connections with Veracity dancers (Irish dancers), possibly for March.

Inflatable whale is off because it was \$5000.

BMX, 3 screen entertainment

Mural is completed. ribbon cutting when she gets back from her travels.

Hidden messages in the mural that the kids don't know about yet.

Asking PTO to donate \$1000 to mural costs. tabling vote until we know what we make from craft fair

Playground update–thank you for the money for the bench. delivered today. being placed underneath the

sunshade. Tether ball poles being repurposed. Possibly umbrellas with seating?

Committee Reports (if there are updates)

- Craft Fair – Carrie Ammerman
 - committee meeting in December to prepare for next year
 - 5 booths are empty
 - Volunteer form went out. Please sign up!
 - Donors still needed for raffle
 - Veterans day–possible prize or discount for veterans
 - Donate food to VA hospital instead of DCC?
 - Sending raffle tickets home this year.
- Craft Fair Raffle – Sarah Hart
 - Could use more donations
- Culvers Share Night – Kate Brattlie

- Choose a night for fall? or wait until spring?
- Family Dances – Sarah Hart, Missy Felio
 - Updates
- Clothing Fundraiser – Keleigh Gassen
 - \$427.49 earnings so far
 - Booth at craft fair, and another sale for Christmas
 - Can order off website throughout year.
- School Kitz - Jenny Andersen, Danielle Johansen
 - looking at new company
- High Five Event – Sarah Hart, Victoria Larson
 - No updates
- Teacher Appreciation Week – Allison Ledbury, Michelle Schwab, Valerie Manning
 - No updates
- Supply Drive – Kim McAloon
 - Is this still needed? Melinda is going to check.

Teacher's Report

Fall math or reading event, trying to change it up.

The staff is going to participate in the pumpkin decorating contest. They will be handing out candy and books. Choose your own adventure event scheduled for february-combo of math and reading. build your own sundaes and run the halls, snuggle up with stuffy and read.

Story walk for run the halls with a choose your own theme?

Other Business

QR code to paypal account for donations?

Building and Maintenance staff has been working very hard, can we do something nice for our facility staff?

How many people? around 6. Use the extra money from new teacher gifts? Motion to move \$90 from gift basket fund to appreciation for maintenance staff. Motion approved.

A late lunch or gift cards? Can we get the kids involved in making something? Could each grade decorate something for the staff? A big banner with their handprints spelling thank you. Let the staff talk to the kids about their important work. Ask Mr Pendle to make a banner for the kids to decorate during art.

Have the kids clean the lunch room while the staff eats?

A group of moms can figure anything out! :)

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM.