

Costello PTO Meeting Minutes Monday, February 8, 2016 @ 7 pm

Attendance: Christy Humphrey, Raquel Schriber, Kristin Cermak, Jennifer Thomack, Katie Monhaut, Amy Miller, Magda Woloszyn, Colleen Moebus, Val Thudium, Grayson McKinney, Heather Ciurla, Stephanie Fraser, Laura Saleski, Steve Dunneback and Tammy DiPonio,

Mr. Dunneback welcomed everyone to the meeting and made introductions. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm.

Secretary Report

Mr. Dunneback presented the meeting minutes from the January 11th meeting for review. Mrs. Fraser made a motion to approve the minutes and Mrs. Humphrey seconded. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer Report

Mrs. Fraser reviewed Bank Transactions, Income Statements and the Budget Report through February 8, 2016. As a reminder we have to sign up for Kroger every year and sign up time is coming up. So far we have earned \$684 from Kroger. We have also earned \$550 from box tops, not including this week's contest and we made a good profit on Chris Cakes. All bills are paid, nothing is outstanding. To date, Mrs. Fraser has not received the bench donation. Mrs. DiPonio will check on it. Mrs. Humphrey made a motion to approve the reports and Mrs. Thomack seconded. The reports were approved.

President Report

Mr. Dunneback reported on the January 25th President's Council meeting. Public Act 269 prevents school districts from communicating factual information regarding ballot proposals 60 days prior to an election. However, PTOs are able to communicate this information.

Vice-President's Report

Mrs. Moebus reported that notices regarding PTO chair openings have been posted on Facebook. Mrs. DiPonio put together a list to give description and details to go with the job.

Principal's Report

Mrs. DiPonio spoke to Katelyn Weaver regarding painting in the cafeteria and the stage curtains. Someone will be out to give her pricing. Hopefully the district will cover the expense but the PTO may need to budget this for next year. The growing up program is coming up for our 5th graders and families. Parents preview on Wednesday and the day of the Auction is the kid's program, March 4th. The 4th graders go to Lansing on February 19th. Teacher development day is on Thursday. On March 24th, South Lyon and Avondale school districts will be coming in to visit classrooms to observe our cultures of thinking. Teachers will participate in coaching, learning & understanding.

Teacher Representative Report

Mr. McKinney reported that our next Cardinal nesting is on February 17th. Update to our blue tickets, tied that with gotcha doing something right. This will enforce when teachers see kids doing the right thing. Anyone involved with our kids, bus drivers, noon aides, can now give out cardinal power tickets. Student's names are on the announcements and are also given Costello Elementary pencils. Nesting reinforces our Cardinal character traits.

Room Parent Chair

No report.

Ways and Means Report

Mrs. Leonard reported the Square 1 Art deadline has been extended to February 17th. The Box Tops for Education contest ends on Friday, February 12th. She is currently taking orders for Skateworld; tickets go home on the February 17th. BW3 is on Feb 24, fliers to go home next week.

Fair Report

Mr. Dunneback reported the Bungee Run is staying. We will be able to use Mrs. Ballard's room. We may be able to borrow a hockey net from Athens High School for the Hockey Room. Prizes have been ordered for the play to win room, deposits have been made. Creative Art will have 2 machines for 4 people for to create wax hands at a time. Everything is coming along. He will post parent sign-up sheets on the bulletin board at the school entrance and will cold call for volunteers at the end of the month.

Auction Report

Mrs. Thomack reported we have 4 weeks until the auction. So far we have sold 122 tickets. We are on track from last year. We have over 300 items. We have a professional auctioneer. He came to one of the auction meetings and talked about our strategy for the live and silent auctions. We have twice the number of recommended live items. Last year we had 24 items, this year we will have 12-15. Last year we had almost 100 silent items, this year we will have fewer to make better items. We have a waiting list for table sponsors this year. We have 16 Tables and 16 table sponsors. The committee is focusing on party planning but still accepting donations. Kristin Cermak is going to shadow Mrs. Thomack the next 2 years to be the next auction chair! We were invited to attend the Troy Rotary club luncheon at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox at 17 & Crooks at noon. We have invitations and donations to hand out there.

Community Service

No report.

Green Schools

No report.

Web Coordinator

No new report.

Publicity Report

This year's Poster Contest theme is...If I could travel anywhere. Students turn posters in to their teachers with their names on the back. The posters line the halls as a way to promote the Fair. All posters are due March 4.

Hospitality Report

No report.

Old Business – None.

New Business – None.

The next Costello PTO meeting will be held April 11, 2016 @ 7 pm

Mrs. Schriber made a motion to end the meeting and Mrs. Humphrey seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.