

# Liberty Bell PTA General Meeting Minutes

## October 8, 2015

Board Members Present: Patti Spitzer, Angela Ast, Melinda Behrens, Kyle Gangewere, Katherine Sarnoski and Principal Sam Hafner

Patti Spitzer called the meeting to order at 9:25am

Approved minutes from September meeting.

### **Budget:**

Kids Stuff has been sent home and to date we have made over \$3,000.

Ukuleles have been purchased and Keri Snyder has agreed to make a stand to house the instruments.

Melinda explained that we are in desperate need of three volunteers, who need to be voted on at the next meeting, to audit last year's numbers.

### **Peep Fest :**

Angela applied for Liberty Bell to participate in this year's Steel Stack's Peep Fest. Kits will arrive at the school at the beginning of November. She explained that a group theme will be picked and projects will be due to Liberty Bell at the beginning of December. After being on display at school, it will be the parent's responsibility to bring the completed projects to Steel Stack for display at Peep Fest.

### **Passport to the World:**

Angela explained that she has received mixed reviews regarding Passport to the World from both parents and teachers. Concern has been expressed regarding the timing of the event & amount of time it takes away from students in class. Mr. Hafner suggested not hosting the event in the evening as it had been done that way in the past and was not very successful. It was decided that a committee would be formed to discuss possible changes for this year. If anyone is interested in joining, please speak with Angela.

### **Fall Fest**

Fall Fest will be held on Friday 10/16. Grace and Corrie are looking for volunteers to set up and work at stations. To date, a minimal number of baskets have arrived at the school. Sra. Montes-Kelly offered to organize a basket donation from the teachers.

65 tickets have been presold.

### **Flyers:**

Patti explained that all school flyers must be reviewed by the PTA Board prior to seeking approval from Mr. Hafner. This includes Box Top Flyers.

### **Spirit Wear**

Order forms will be going home today. This year's shirts will be different from years past and the order form will include water bottles, hoodies and magnets.

### **Student Directory:**

Brittany Kramer has been working on updates. This year's version has been a bit delayed due to clearances.

### **PTA Membership:**

Membership numbers are down by 7 from last year. Patti thanked those members who donated additional funds on top of the standard membership fee. She explained that this money would go directly towards Liberty Bell PTA.

### **Giant A+**

Kyle explained that Giant has changed the way they register cards for Giant A+ this year. Kyle will be looking into the changes further and sending home a flyer with all necessary information in the near future.

### **Miler:**

Miler is scheduled to start October 20. This is somewhat later than previous years due to need for Volunteer Clearances.

### **Year Book:**

Tricia Hawk is in need of more volunteers to take pictures for the yearbook. If anyone is interested please let her know. She emphasized that getting the pictures to her is easy and can be done via a digital drop box or flash drive.

The cost of this year's Year Book has gone up and will cost us approximately \$19.30 each to produce.

### **Veteran's Day**

Veteran's Day is scheduled for November 11, 2015. The day consists of a breakfast, assembly and pictures done by Christmas City Studios. It is a fun/well-received event. A flyer describing the day will be sent home next week.

### **Parent Teacher Conferences**

Scheduled for November 16-20. The PTA Hospitality Group will be providing dinner for teachers on Thursday night for Evening Conferences. If anyone is interested in helping out, please see Melinda.

### **Scholastic Book Fair:**

A brief discussion was had regarding the collection of State Tax during the book fair. It was explained that this year the PTA would be paying the tax for all books so children do not need to worry about having the extra money while shopping.

### **Principals Report:**

School will be closed on Friday and Monday for Teacher In Service and Columbus Day.

Visitation Day is scheduled for October 21<sup>st</sup>. Parents are welcome from 9:30-10:30 and again from 1:30-2:30. Clearances are not required to attend.

Race for Education is scheduled for October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Fall Parade at Liberty Bell is scheduled for October 30<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. Volunteers need to have clearances to attend the classroom parties. AM Kindergarten will parade thru the hallways in the morning for all students to see.

Coopersburg Halloween Parade is scheduled for Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 3pm.

Meeting adjourned 10:10am

Respectfully Submitted,

Katherine Sarnoski

Recording Secretary