

Liberty Bell PTA General Meeting Minutes November 12, 2015

Board Members Present: Angela Ast, Melinda Behrens, Kyle Gangewere, Katherine Sarnoski

Absent: Patti Spitzer and Principal Sam Hafner

Angela Ast called the meeting to order at 9:15.

Budget:

Race for Education raised over \$17,500 this year.

Fall Fest made \$2,127. Christmas City donated both the Fall Fest and Holiday Boutique photo booths.

The PTA has an extra \$3,700 in the budget this year. We would like to reach out to the teachers and see what they may like to spend the money on.

Bethany Lerch, Martina Bozorgnia and Kristine Seasholtz have volunteered to audit last year's PTA budget. Melinda conducted a vote and the individuals were unanimously approved.

Patti Spitzer would like to switch from distributing Blue Tickets in the cafeteria to giving out Blue Paws for good behavior. The cost for this change would be approximately \$50. Melinda conducted a vote and the change and \$50 budget were unanimously approved.

Spirit Wear has arrived and will be sent home today.

Kids Stuff did very well this year, \$3,312.50, which is approximately \$500.00 more than last year.

School Store: Bethany will be taking over the coordination of the School Store.

Giant A+ will likely not be as profitable this year as it has been in years past due to the changes Giant has instituted for this program.

Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for next week. Dinners for teachers on Thursday night are all covered. Thanks to those who volunteered through Sign Up Genius.

Scholastic Book Fair will take place during conference week. Reminders about the Fair as well as the Favorite Storybook Potato contest will be going home today. Additional coverage is still needed. Please go onto Sign Up Genius and sign up for a spot.

Holiday Shop – Keri Heiser- Heffner explained that so far this year we have 10 vendors signed up. Bethany and Melinda will be hosting a school store table.

We are in need of basket donations. So far only two baskets have been donated.

Food specifics for the event are still being worked out. Kerri has had a conversation with Pott's Hot Dogs but has not gotten a firm commitment from him yet. Kerri is also going to look into how many free pizzas she can get from a local store. The Boy Scouts will be selling pretzels and The Girl Scouts will have a bake sale. Angela is looking for another Girls Scout Troop that might be willing to host a Hot Chocolate table.

Music will be provided through cell phones to play Holiday music.

Contests will include a candy count and tree ornament guess. Patti is donating a few larger jars and Melinda will donate Hershey Kisses. Angela will be purchasing a few additional jars and either gumballs or lifesavers.

Peep Fest – kits will go home today with those who expressed interest in participating. December 14th will be the deadline for diorama's to be dropped off at Liberty Bell. After judging, the 6 best will be taken to Steel Stacks by Angela. After the event, families will need pick up their projects at Steel Stacks if they would to have them back.

The Phantoms game is scheduled for January 8th. So far 77 tickets have been sold and Liberty Bell still has an additional 50 left to sell.

Science Fair – will take place the first week of March on Day D. Ann Venturelli will chair this event and will send a flyer home with students in January.

Family Fitness Night – Is scheduled for 2/19 and Michelle Stanton has offered to chair this event.

Used Book Sale – chaired by Ann Venturelli will take place 2 days before Family Fitness Night and end that evening.

Art Show/Bingo/Passport/Scholastics. This year will focus on arts and culture and will try to showcase many of the student's works of art. There will be no artwork or fames to purchase at this year's event.

Flamenco Dancers are scheduled for December 14th.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00am

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine M. Sarnoski