

Liberty Bell PTA General Meeting

March 10, 2016

Board members present: Angela Ast, Kyle Gangeware, Patti Spitzer, Katherine Sarnoski and Principal Samuel Hafner

Absent: Melinda Behrens

Patti Spitzer called the meeting to order at 9:20am

Budget Issues:

Box Tops: An exact amount collected for Box Top for this year is not yet available. However, the amount will likely be less than last year.

Family Fitness Night: was a big success and raised \$43 from raffles.

Bingo Night/Scholastics: Bingo was also a big success. \$48.15 profit from the sale of water and popcorn. We are still waiting on Scholastic totals; however, the event seemed to go well.

Liberty Bell Supports You: There is currently \$121 in the budget that will be donated to Betty Lou's Pantry. This money needs to be gifted this year, as it cannot remain on our books for too long.

Bj's Memberships: The membership forms went out and we are waiting on returns.

Target Red Card: a reminder to register your Target Red Cards. Liberty Bell earns money from all purchases made with registered Target Red Cards.

Yearbook: Order forms will be going out at the end of March with a 2-week window to return the forms. This shorter window is a change from last year when notices went home earlier and were not returned promptly.

Ann Venturelli would like to head up a Soap Drive for Betty Lou's Pantry. She is going to ask what their top 5 needed items are and perhaps have a drive for those items as well.

Space Pirates: will take place on Friday, March 18th. Laura Rush and Ruth Pool are chairing the flower sale. Ruth is getting the carnations to sell and there is plenty of tissue paper in the closet. The PTA paid \$130 for the carnations but not sure what we are selling them for yet. It is believed that last year 3 carnations were sold for \$1.00. Laura will speak with Melinda about this.

The idea of selling water and popcorn at the show was discussed. Mr. Hafner was not a huge fan of the idea based on the length of the show and the noise this would produce. Ann Venturelli suggested making/selling cookies on a stick for “boys” instead of flowers. Ann is going to speak with Mrs. Benner about the possibility of doing this.

Staff Brunch: is scheduled for March 21st. Sign up genius has been sent out.

Spring Break: is scheduled for March 25-March 28th, Friday thru Monday.

Spelling Bee: no real progress has been made on this event. We would be able to use the small stage in the library if don’t want to arrange around Day D.

Passport to the World: Angela discussed the possibility of putting Passport with Spring Fest this year. Mr. Hafner mentioned that we could put it on a Day D in May. Angela has 2 families from last year who are willing to come back and participate.

Book Fair: will take place at Barnes and Noble. Kyle plans to advertise at Liberty Bell because a large number of Spanish AR books will be available for sale.

Miler: Michelle Stanton needs volunteers, with clearances, to help out with miler.

Principal’s Comments:

Mr. Hafner thanked the PTA for Bingo Night and noted that it was a success. He also thanked Dr. Anne Venturelli for organizing the Used Book Sale and or getting the Science Fair Together. Finally he thanked those who organized the Scholastic Book Fair and noted that it was a success.

School is in session tomorrow, March 10, due to snow.

Space Pirates 3rd Grade Play will take place next Friday.

Kindergarten registration begins April 4th. If you have students going into K next year, be sure to sign up online. This will take place again this year at Liberty Bell.

First Grade Registration (and registration for all other grades) will begin March 15th.

Outdoor tables: tables have been ordered. Six 4’ tables have been ordered at a cost of \$415 each. Tops will be cedar or green in color, Mrs. MacDonnell would prefer all green tops. Five will have benches and 1 will be benchless in order to easily hold supplies.

Garden Committee: Trisha Hawk has expressed interest in helping out with the garden. Patti noted that she has a list of people who said they would be interested in helping out also. Patti will contact them.

Nomination Committee: A committee is needed for next year's Board. Ann Venturelli has offered to head this committee. The nomination forms went out already and are due back by April 8th. A vote for nominees will be held at the May meeting.

Meeting adjourned 9:50am

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine M. Sarnoski