

Liberty Bell PTA General Meeting Minutes May 5, 2016

Board members in attendance: Patti Spitzer, Angela Ast, Melinda Behrens, Kyle Gangaware, Katherine Sarnoski and Principal Samuel Hafner

Patti called the meeting to order at 9:20am

Patti read the names of the nominees for next year's PTA Board. All nominees were approved. The Liberty Bell PTA Board for the 2016-2017 school year will be as followed: President – Kyle Gangaware, Vice President – Katherine Sarnoski, 2nd VP – Kelly Dunn, Treasurer – Rosemary Crosskin, Recording Secretary – Erin Stuafter, Corresponding Secretary – Kendal Wisecarver, PTA Liason – Bethany Lerch. A paper vote was not required as each position only had one nominee.

YMCA Michelle Stanton attended the meeting and led a discussion regarding the proposed development of a YMCA. She noted that our immediate area does not currently have a facility like this and they are seeking donations (with a goal of \$200,000) in order to get the ball rolling. They are working in conjunction with the Greater Lehigh Valley Y and have the support of Upper Saucon Township. Michelle noted that this would be community supported and would not raise taxes or come from taxpayer money.

Budget Review:

Melinda noted that she is still looking to designate \$5,000. At this point the money will likely be carried over to next year.

All second grade and Kindergarten classes have used their extra money for play day T-Shirts. Both of these grades took basic field trips so had money remaining in their budgets.

BJs Membership Drive To date the BJs membership drive has made \$125.

Iron Pigs – there are still a few tickets remaining for the Iron Pigs outing. Money will be accepted until May 9th.

Teacher Appreciation Budget Melinda requested a vote to increase the budget for Teacher Appreciation and Retirement Fund to \$500. The increase was unanimously approved.

Melinda noted that Liberty Bell PTA was given \$50 for attending the PTA Convention.

Passport to the World- Angela noted that this event will take place Friday, May 6th. She explained that this year's set up would be somewhat different, as all tables will not have hosts explaining each country. Students will be able to wander thru the tables at their own pace and explore. If anyone would like to shadow Angela and take over the event next year please come tomorrow.

Globe Contest- The goal is to have the students creatively decorate maps. Those with the most creative maps will win a globe.

Play Day Patti and Melinda asked for volunteers to fill balloons for Mrs. Hoff for Field Day. All balloon bags were taken.

Spring Fest will take place on Friday May 20th. Key Club will be sending volunteers to help with games and crafts. Teachers will be recruited to help with photo booths and wristband sales. We are still in need of volunteers for set-up and clean up. Also still accepting donations for raffle baskets.

PTA Board will sell Liberty Bell spirit wear.

Volunteer Breakfast This year's breakfast will take place on May 25th. Immediately following we will have the PTA Board hand off meeting and set the calendar for next year.

May 27th will be a half-day, with a 12:50 dismissal, in honor of Memorial Day.

Principal Notes

Mr. Hafner thanked everyone for his or her help throughout the year and noted that the help does make a difference. He also expressed thanks for a wonderful Teacher Appreciation Week.

Liberty Bell Staff will be dressing in gray and pink every Thursday until the end of the year to support a local family in need.

Thank you to Mrs. Smith for getting the Spanish Immersion Group up and running this year. The group will be having a meet and greet social on May 22nd at Living Memorial Park. Families have been asked to donate deserts and drinks.

The PTA approved paying \$135 for the pavilion rental fee. The Spanish Immersion Committee will reimburse the PTA, if able, from donations received at the event.

Last Day of School June 7th is the last day of school for this year. It will be a half-day with a 12:15 dismissal. No lunch will be served this day.

3rd Grade Musical will take place May 24th at 2pm and 7pm.

Next year's calendar is not yet set up.

4th Quarter Pride of Liberty Bell will take place on June 1st.

Inside Scoop Night will take place on June 2nd from 6pm-9pm.

Iron Pigs will take place on June 14th. The tickets sales are going well.

Spelling Bee will take place today, May 5th. The top spellers will compete while all of 3rd grade is in attendance.

Barnes & Noble Book Fair – for the IS is starting tomorrow, May 6th. There will be a lot of Spanish AR books there to choose from.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine M. Sarnoski