

# Liberty Bell PTA General Meeting Minutes

## January 14, 2016

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

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

Approved minutes from November meeting.

### **Budget:**

The goal for the Holiday Shop was \$500. To date we made \$495.

School store for this year broke even. Anything sold from here on out is profit.

Patti and Melinda went to the staff meeting and asked for requests for how teachers and staff would like to use their allotted PTA monies. The only request was outdoor tables.

Bethany Lerch, Christine Seaholtz and Martina Bozorgnia audited last year's books and no issues were found. The audit was voted on and approved.

### **Upcoming Events:**

Angela applied for and won a PTA mini grant totaling \$500. Angela would like to use this money to purchase a large map for Passport to the World. She would like to send a family tree home asking for family birthplaces and then map where all Liberty Bell families are from.

This year's Passport to the World event will take place on March 4<sup>th</sup> and will be more of a scavenger hunt in comparison to previous years. The event will take place in the evening along with Bingo, Scholastic Book Fair and the used book sale.

Kyle spoke about the IS having a Barnes & Noble fundraiser this year. They plan to have a table set up for grades 2-6 with AR approved Spanish books. Kyle could use help setting up reading lists. If anyone is interested please contact Kyle.

The used book sale is scheduled for February 19<sup>th</sup>. A flyer will be sent home 2 weeks before the sale asking for donations. The plan is to set up the sale Thursday & Friday and leave it up for a few days the following week.

Family Fitness Night is scheduled for February 19<sup>th</sup>. So far Coopersburg Karate and Southern Lehigh Football have agreed to participate. There is an additional spot open that will likely be filled by zumba. The chairs are looking for basket donations

and hope to have prizes including a bike, gift certificate to Athleta and passes to Maxx Fitness. A flyer will be sent home to families in the next few weeks.

PSSA testing will be April 11-22 of this year. Melinda is planning a meeting with the other chairs to finalize plans.

Spring Break is March 24-March 28<sup>th</sup>

This year's Science Fair is scheduled for April 1<sup>st</sup>. Flyers will be sent home 6 weeks in advance of the event during the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> week of February.

This year's Earth Day Celebration will take place on April 29<sup>th</sup>. This is later than usual due to PSSA testing.

The week of May 2-6 is teacher appreciation week.

Reminder- no school on Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, for Martin Luther King Day.

Mr. Gill asked for a clarification of the "teacher money" in the budget. Melinda explained that if there is anything significant the teachers would like, the PTA would like to know about it because there is a designated budget line for it.

Mr. Gill also recommended asking the District to set up the weather station. Mr. Hafner agreed to contact the tech department.

Spring Fest is scheduled for May 20<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm. The food trucks have been confirmed, All About Fun has been contacted (and waiting for a return call). Plant sale has not been finalized.

The Iron Pigs game for this year is scheduled for June 14<sup>th</sup>. The district has been allotted 400 tickets. School will be out of session for the summer so hoping everyone can come.

Mr. Markley thanked the PTA for sponsoring the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade play. This year there are 71 children involved in the play – 56 in the cast and 15 crewmembers. The parent meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday night. Mr. Markley will be sending home ad sheets. Ads range from \$5-\$30 and will help to raise additional funds for the show. Mr. Markley noted that this year's play is a very high tech show with lots of neon. He proceeded to show some of the props he has purchased so far. The show will take place at 2pm in the afternoon and 7pm at night on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Water and snacks will be available for sale.

Laura discussed Kid Stuff for next year. Mrs. McMullen would like the sale to take place a little later in the school year due to new students entering the school and the time required to make labels. Concern was voiced that other schools will be having

their sales earlier and if we wait too long we may lose sales. It was decided that Kid Stuff would be sent home with students the week of 9/19.

Patti adjourned the meeting at 10:02am

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine M. Sarnoski