

## Three Lakes PTO March General Meeting

March 12<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm

1. Call to order & attendees: Dianna Blicharz, Rich Mahlerwein, Erin Wallschlaeger, Sarah Alsager, Heather Biro, Ann Blamey, Melinda Gohl, Kira Bender, Heidi Raddatz, Ashley Potrykus
2. February minutes approved, pending amendment to title of Talent Show: *“Northwoods Night at the Mic”*.
3. Treasurer’s Report
  - a. Only money out in February was \$60 for the high school yearbook ad *“congrats”* from PTO.
  - b. Current funding requests:
    1. District Art Show: request by Ameris Grapa for PTO to consider sponsoring prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade art show. In the past, \$5 given for first place per class. Prizes not requested by Erin W. for grade school. Request amended for 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades. Kira had requested movie passes from the Center for the Arts and they agreed to 2 tickets/winner per class. Per Dianna Blicharz, there is also funding provided by the *“Arts Committee”*. Kira will put Ameris Grapa in touch with the Center for the Arts.
    2. Update on 4<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Madison. Mr. DePuydt confirmed that April 27<sup>th</sup> is the date of the trip. 18 students going to the Historical Society, taking 4-5 chaperones, but no request made for them. Cost \$3/student to get in, plus \$6/child for dinner. SCO in Sugarcamp pays for both. Total request \$162; Heather made a motion to approve, Sarah seconded; unanimously approved.
    3. 5<sup>th</sup> grade request. Mrs. Schnitker had already taken 5<sup>th</sup> graders to Camp Luther in February, but she wasn’t aware of funds availability. \$8/student and 24 students = \$192 total requested to reimburse Camp Luther. Motion to approve made by Heidi, seconded by Ann; unanimously approved.
    4. Wendy Walker requesting \$150 for special education department to take end of year trip to Wildwood. \$8/child and 20 children. Other funding sometimes available from Coffee House. Motion to approve \$150 by Ashley, seconded by Erin; unanimously approved.
    5. Heather Biro requesting \$50/year for online quick books. Would come out of misc. funds annually & could be used by any future treasurer. Motion to approve \$50/year made by Sarah, seconded by Heidi; unanimously approved.
4. Committee Updates:
  - a. Grant committee: no updates. Heather offered a grant suggestion to Heidi that the chamber may offer through April 1<sup>st</sup> to assist with advertising.
  - b. Box Tops: We will receive a \$191.30 check in April. Third grade won in February with 105 box tops!

- c. Scholastic Book Fair: no updates
  - d. Silent Auction item list update: Wildwood tickets, Jen West offering a canvas print, Ski Brule 4 lift tickets, Ann offering wooden train, Brighton bracelet, Ride on Lion (parade?), Marcel offering a cooking class for 6 people. Heather also requested a paypal swiper for the payment after the auction (2.7% charge per transaction)
  - e. Talent Show: Working out a start time, current idea is open the bidding/auction at 5:30pm with show to start at 6:00pm. Waiting on deciding how many intermissions until Marilyn G back from back surgery leave. Set-up April 20<sup>th</sup> from 2 pm and later: Rich, Ann, Sarah, Sarah's mother-in-law Suzanne, Heidi, Erin, Kira. Sub-committee to determine cashiers and other volunteers. Heidi Polcaster contacted re: 7<sup>th</sup> grade class starting their fundraising for D.C. Trip at this event (selling snacks).
5. Old Business:
- a. Playground Update: Kira, Ashley and Heather met with Dr. Karling. Reviewed cost of all-inclusive equipment, which for one zipline would be about \$20,000, not including resurfacing. Dr. Karling offered \$20,000 but wants one at both TL and Sugarcamp schools. A possible grant from the Special Ed. Dept. also? Tentatively, PTO offered up to \$5,000 from our account. Dr. Karling to contact the rep directly. PTO requested the opportunity to submit a video to the Ellen show for funds and Dr. Karling reluctantly agreed. Audio recording done last week; video recording on March 14<sup>th</sup>! Justin Pitlik helping with both! Request also made of John Pitlik to ask Pitlik & Wick to donate a blacktop pathway to the equipment, but he is waiting to hear what the Ellen Show responds.
  - b. Yearbook Update: Erin W. has 2 proposals from elementary yearbook companies. 24 pages, 180 plus photos, color, saddle-stitched, about \$4.64/book. Parents can order online, can mark up to make a profit or just sell them. Jen West contacted to organize photos; she will likely create a PDF for each page. Goal is to submit it 3 weeks before we want them available. Thought is to have at the end of the year. Free shipping, 4K-6<sup>th</sup> grades. Kira will check with Gene Welhoeffler re: fundraising permission. Can we ask teachers for photos from their phones? Will give update at April meeting.
  - c. Believe fundraiser: tabled. No interest now.
  - d. Butterbraids update: Dave said he offers up to 7 lines of products (including Believe). With a booked agreement in the Fall, he can offer 50 "Secret Santa" gifts for next Christmas. They are catered towards children, but a few items would be good for adults too. Dave feels with our previous Believe profits (\$4,000-5,000), we could possibly make even more. Ashley will ask what sort of commitment needed for Fall fundraiser.
  - e. Erin W. did offer a few other fundraising ideas (flocking with flamingos, Easter egg idea, etc.) and Sarah A. did offer a fruit fundraiser through the Florida Fruit Association (strawberries being delivered now, citrus fruits in Fall.) Will discuss further at April meeting.

6. New Business:
  - a. Nominating Committee: need to form a committee for any new board members to be voted on. Ashley's Secretary role to be vacated, however, Kira intends to stay on as President, Heidi agrees to stay on as Vice President & Heather agrees to stay on as Treasurer. Committee to be comprised of 1 board member, 2 or more general members. Ashley agrees to be the Board member, Sarah and Erin agree to be the general members. Those running to be presented at April meeting with voting at May meeting.
7. Next meeting: Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm (items to be discussed include end of year staff luncheon, Fall fundraising opportunities and more).