

# Sporting Hill PTO Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2019

## Attendees:

Sarah Yerger, Camille Wenger, Tina Shehan, Jenni Gery, Kristi Hoffman, Nikki Heckard, Ryan Patterson, Michelle Moore, Jill Laws, Ashlee Zuvich, Valerie Roth, Nikalene Cole, Tara Schlenker, Shea Lodoian, Nicole Willshier, Dayl Lynn Shaddock, Cindy Heidelbaugh.

## Opening:

Sarah Yerger, President, opened the meeting at 6:01pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Correspondence:** Thank you cards from various teachers for the meals provided by the PTO during conferences were circulated as well as a thank you from the "Backpack Team" for food donations to their program.

**Treasurers Report:** Presented by Camille Wenger

- Gertrude Hawk profits exceeded projections by about \$800 this year.
- Square One Art profit was \$190 less than projected.
- Barnes and Noble fundraiser did well with an approximate profit on \$750. We have begun to spend our B & N gift cards from last year on Bingo prizes for this year.

There was a suggestion made to increase communication with fundraisers and to have Cycle Days listed on the school homepage for easy reference.

Motion to approve the January budget was made by: Nikki Heckard. Second: Ashlee Zuvich. All in favor

**Minutes:** Minutes from the November meeting were reviewed. Motion to accept the Minutes was made by Nikki Heckard. Second: Ashlee Zuvich. All in favor.

**Principal's Report:** Presented by Dayl Lynn Shaddock

- February 8 will be our Mini-mini-THON to benefit the High School's Mini-THON. This is run by high school students.
- Details regarding the renovations of our building scheduled for this summer are still being finalized and will be approved in March. The school, including the PTO closet, will have to be emptied prior to the construction. There is a possibility that our school will be dismissed for the year 2 days earlier than the rest of the district. More information will follow.
- Many different staff members were involved in the recent interview process for the district Assistant Superintendent position. PTO presidents were invited to be involved in this process as well.
- Funds are low in our Sporting Hill Cares budget. This budget serves various needs for underprivileged families in our school. There has been an increase in need this year. More discussion will follow under New Business.

**Cub Scout Pack 196 Report:** Presented by Sarah Yerger and Ryan Patterson

- The Pack recently assisted with the PTO food drive.
- January 26 is the Pinewood Derby.
- Pancake breakfast fundraiser with Star Wars characters will be held on March 23<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 8am at the school.

A question was raised regarding membership of girls in the Pack. There has been a lot of interest, but the pack has not enrolled any female members as of this date.

## Old Business:

1. The upcoming construction in our building and on our playground has thwarted all of our ideas for a Race for Education incentive prize. Some ideas were circulated which will be investigated.
2. Books for the library were approved, but have not been delivered as of this date.

## **New Business:**

1. Safe to Say Something is a new district initiative which is part of PA Act 44. It is an anonymous reporting system aimed at improving safety in our schools and it targets the middle and high schools.
2. A request was made to purchase a Nacho Cheese dispensing machine for use at Bingo, Mayfair and at other PTO events. Motion to approve \$300 to purchase the machine was made by Jenni Geri. Second: Jill Laws. All in favor.
3. Following successful fundraising, we had elected not to charge for bingo cards/games for the past few Bingo nights. Families were only required to purchase food if they desired. The suggestion was made to do this again this year since we have funds available. This would mean roughly a \$1000 loss in budgeted profit. A motion to not charge for bingo cards/games this year was made by Jenni Gery. Second: Jill Laws. All in favor.
4. The PTO currently has Fidelity Bond Insurance. There was discussion regarding other insurance coverage that may be prudent for the PTO to have including property insurance, basic liability and general liability. Some of the other PTOs have additional insurance and some do not. It is unclear what the district may have in place that covers PTOs. General plus property insurance would require an additional \$210/year and our renewal date is Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>. A motion was made to approve the additional \$210 for insurance, pending investigation into district coverage, was made by Jenni Gery. Second: Tina Shehan. All in favor.
5. Sporting Hill Cares (continued discussion from above). We have budgeted \$750 for this category and we have currently exceeded it by \$170.46 due to last minute needs around the holidays. A suggestion was made to have a donation jar for this cause at PTO sponsored events. A motion to approve an additional \$750 for Sporting Hill Cares was made by Jenni Gery. Second: Nicole Willshier. All in favor.
6. We will be participating in a virtual partnership with Community Aid. This will consist of a clothing drive 4 times per year. The PTO will receive 4 cents per lb. for clothing collected and will receive a \$300 care card 4 times a year to be used at Community Aid. All proceeds from this will go to Sporting Hill Cares.
7. There are many upcoming volunteer opportunities including Bingo, Silent Auction, and May Fair as well as board positions that will be open for next year. Please check Time to Sign up to volunteer for upcoming events.

**Motion to adjourn:** at 7:29pm was made by Tina Shehan. Second: Ashlee Zuvich. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted by Cindy Heidelbaugh, Recording Secretary*