

Belleville Henderson Central School
PTO Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2017

Janelle Hodge - President
President
Lori Redden - Secretary

Kim Gordinier - Vice

Kim Gehrke - Treasurer

Members in Attendance: Betsy Wood, Janelle Hodge, Crystal Dewitt, Whitnee Miner, Stephanie Race & Lori Redden

Meeting Called to Order in the Library @ 6:33pm

Old Business:

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the November's meeting were reviewed by all in attendance. Crystal made a motion to accept the minutes. Betsy seconded the motion.

Memberships: Lori reported that we have 33 paid members including 5 teachers and 4 seniors. Lori discussed the issue with ice cream award to class with most members competition. Pre-K had 5 members but split between am & pm classes and then there was a three way tie with 4 members each for M. Lawrence, Bellavia & Taylors classes. This issue was discussed and it was determined that we would just give the award to every elementary student whose parent became a member by Dec. 1st. There is a total of 32 students who will receive the award. Lori will make the award slips and notify Mindy Grandjean.

Treasurer's Report: Kim Gerke was unable to attend the meeting. Janelle reported in her behalf the following balances: checking \$7,855.32, savings \$2,873.68, petty cash \$446.00 for a total of \$11,175.00. Kris Kringle balance \$5,900.02. Deposits made since last meeting: \$2,675.00 into Kris Kringle account. \$5,452.00 from pie sales and \$96.92 for memberships into Checking account. Expenses paid out since last meeting: \$3,824.12 to Renzi for Pie Sales, \$22.75 to BHCS Lunch Fund for ice cream rewards for those who participated in the pie sales, and a check to Lori for Oriental Trading Co in the amount of \$113.97. Whitnee made a motion to accept the report. Stephanie seconded the motion.

Kris Kringle: Lori reported that kris kringle was held again this year without any issues - only a couple of items got broken. We had the help of 17 volunteers. Even though Thursday was a snow day, she ran the event on Friday to give the students all three days to fill their shopping lists. Lori turned over the 3rd submission of receipts in the amount of \$953.02, the cashbox with \$236.00 starting funds and \$3,178.90 in funds obtained during the event to Kim Gerhke on Tuesday, Dec 13th. Kim Gerhke then returned \$500.00 to Lori in order to do some after christmas shopping for items for next year. After subtracting the amounts of the receipts for the items purchased this year...we made a profit of \$608.86. Lori had received a note from a parent of a student who could not come to school on Friday, who wanted to purchase another boston red sox ornament. Lori sent the ornament to the classroom for when the student returned the

following week. Lori received the payment in the PTO mailbox and it is being turned over to Kim Gehrke. This additional \$3.00 raises our profits to \$611.86. Per the inventory...we sold 1,751 items.

Oriental Trading Order: Lori did get an order in for three different items....Mega Vinyl kick ball assortment (100 pieces) Plush Mini Animal assortment (50 pieces)...good for children under 3 & Slap Bracelet assortment (100 pieces). I got free shipping which saved us \$17.99 and received a discount of \$20.00 of the entire order. We received 250 pieces for a total of \$113.97 which equals out to 45 cents an item. It costs \$1.00 to play the duck game.

Tri-County Art Assoc: We received a Thank You card from Jeri Haldeman from last year's event. It gives a little summary of the event but still doesn't explain what the funds are used for. Again it was discussed that she would need to be present to request the funds in order to answer any questions. Lori reminded everyone that she did send a letter to her last year explaining this.

Upcoming Events:

Raffle: Money and or Raffle tickets were turned into Janelle. Drawing for the Raffle will be at the next meeting. You do not have to be in attendance to win. Lori will post & email with instructions for everyone who has not turned in their raffle tickets or money to do so by Feb. 1st. to Kim Gordinier.

Box Tops: Lori mentioned that there is now a Box Top Phone App (Box Top Bonus App) allows you to scan your receipt for extra points for our organization. Janelle & Betsy both downloaded the app during the meeting. You can scan your store receipts and it gives us extra points. Janelle stated that we have received a check in the amount of \$577.30 which she will get deposited. She has another box ready to go. Per an email from Kate Costello...the box tops winners for the 1st half of the school year was: first...Miss Joels class with 586 (wins movie, recess & ice cream, second place was Mrs. Eastmans 1st grade with 457 9wins movie & recess) and third place goes to Mrs. Gordiniers with 443 (wins movie and recess). We have also received a gift card in the amount of \$300.00 from soup labels...this will be the last item we receive from this program since it was discontinued.

Yearbook - PTO Ad: A new picture still needs to be taken...tabled until all officers are present.

Self Defense Course: Tabled since Gordinier and Maloney were not present.

Possible Fundraiser Ideas:

- Bubble Ball Fundraiser...tabled since C. Eastman and K. Costello were not present.
- Little Cesears Pizza Kits...tabled
- Donation Jars. Crystal Dewitt checked with Farm Pride, Sharps and Tops. Farm Pride had no issue with us putting a donation jar at their location. Crystal stated that you can

get a locked donation box with paper holder from amazon for less than \$15.00. It was voted on and everyone agreed to purchase this item. Crystal will then do weekly collections once the box has been put out. If it is profitable, we discussed the option of putting one at the Barley Pub.

- Easter Sale.....Janelle wanted to know why we couldnt do a easter candy sale...we do not know if another class is doing this....She is going to check with Mr. Storey.

New Business:

At the beginning of our meeting, the issue of low enrollment of members was brought up..specifically to the low number of teachers involved in the PTO. A member stated that the meetings were really not what she expected. Another member wanted to know what the criteria was for teachers to obtain their wishlist monies. We stated the only criteria was to attend one meeting and put your request in writing. Those in attendance discussed and believe this should be changed to a point system (such as parents are on a point system for scholarships) for example:

Teachers who ARE members....start at \$20.00 & receive an additonal \$10.00 for each meeting they attend for a cap of \$100.00 per year.....OR.....start at \$20.00 & receive an additional \$5.00 for each meeting they attend for a cap of \$60.00 (this only being \$10.00 more than what they receive now).

Teachers who are NOT members will be capped at \$20.00 only.

Their feeling was that creating this criteria would give accountablilty and only reward those teachers who are actively involved in the PTO. Teacher Supply Bags that we give out to the elementary teachers at the beginning of the school year were brought up as well. It was suggested that we hold off handing them out until a specified date and only those teachers who become paid members by that date will receive a supply bag (would not be limited to elementary teachers). Lori will create a couple of criteria sheets and present at the next meeting. The point system used on the senior scholarships were discussed as well. Lori suggested that they get online and review the scholarship applicaton and if they have any questions, to bring it up at the next meeting. It was also discussed if one of the issues for teachers not attending is if they do not know about the meetings.....it was mentioned that Lori has it posted on the school's calendar and it shows up under upcoming events on the main page, emails all current members and posts on facebook so we do not believe that is the issue. It was stated that a reminder email could be sent to Mr. Storey and he can forward as a faculty email.

Next Meeting: Feb 9th @ 6:30pm in the Library

Meeting Adjourned: 7:55pm