

NETTLE CREEK GRADE SCHOOL

PTO MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 14, 2015

Location: Nettle Creek Music Room

Called to order: 3:32 pm

Financial Report: Jill Vinachi, treasurer, reported funds at \$ 11,279.38 in the PTO account with no additional costs foreseen at this time.

Administrative Report: Colleen Callahan stood in for the absence of Dr. McKinney. She thanked the room Moms for their attendance at the present meeting and hopes in the future we will have a good turnout at our meetings with the Room parents involved.

Teacher Update: Colleen Callahan stated that she welcomes every parent to her room parties when they are scheduled.

Colleen Callahan spoke about upcoming field trips and mentioned that the entire school will be bused to the Rialto on Dec 15th to watch a play.

Jen Chellino advised the group that the board has decided to set a budget for fieldtrips. For example: each classroom will receive X amount of funds per school year to use for educational based field trips. The amount is yet to be determined and has been tabled until the next meeting.

Old Business:

A.) Future PTO purchases

Mr. Gorham is hoping to have PTO fund the purchase of new boys' basketball uniforms. He stated that the boys' basketball uniforms are on their last season and would like the PTO to budget this for spring 2016, because it may take 2 months to receive a shipment on the uniforms for next fall. The board agreed to take this into consideration and this will be tabled until Feb 2016 meeting when we have a clearer detail of what and how much is needed.

B.) Wine and Stein- Date: Jan 16th, 2016

Megan Evenson and Stephanie de la Hera will be the parents chairing this event. Sara Olson our 3rd grade teacher will also chair this committee and represent as our teacher contact. They advised the group that it will be held at the Morris Country Club. The first Wine and Stein committee meeting will be held at 3:30 pm on Wednesday, October 21st in the Music Room. This is our biggest resource of funding for PTO and anyone interested in joining the committee should attend this meeting to learn more about how you can help make it a success. They wanted to thank in advance: Bryan Shell, Kristina Cameron, and Erica Rath for signing up to be on the Wine and Stein fundraising committee prior to this meeting and hopes more hands will be able to help out.

C.) Spirit Wear Update

Heidi Kempki delivered the spirit wear to the meeting and she stated they would be distributed the following school day to families that ordered. They were sent home with the students October 15, 2015. Thank you to everyone that ordered! Go Foxes! Thank you for your support!

Jenn Gross stated that she has been using our Nettle Creek PTO Facebook page as a tool to sell our overstock spirit wear, at a discounted price. She also mentioned anyone interested in purchasing the overstock spirit wear that may not have access to Facebook or has general questions regarding this topic to contact her directly at 815-252-9586.

Jill Vinachi is in the process of working with a website called "My Locker" for future purchases of spirit wear. She noted that it is a convenient way to place an order year round with thousands of different options for team apparel, custom items, and logo printed spirit wear for our school. She stated that the merchandise will be delivered right to your door and you can pay by credit card for more convenience. She noted that the login information for our school to receive credit for your purchase will be going home sometime the following week. It would also be posted on the school website and on the PTO Facebook page.

This is very exciting and we are very pleased to hear this news! Thanks Jill!

New business:

A.) Concession Stand- new items coming soon!

Jill Vinachi stated we will be providing new items to sell at our concession stand. Nacho Chips and Cheese, Cotton Candy, and Caramel Corn have been added to the menu of items that are offered.

B.) PTC on October 22nd- meal

Jen Chellino stated that the PTO would like to provide a meal for the teachers during parent teacher conferences. After much discussion on the topic, the PTO will be buying individual plated meals for all teachers from Toby's restaurant in Morris. The food will be delivered at 4:30pm the evening of the conferences for the teachers to enjoy when they have a window to do so.

C.) Halloween Party October 30th at 2pm

The schools' Halloween parties are set for Oct 30th and will take place from 2-3pm in your child's classroom. Reminding parents to check the list for approved candies and treats to be handed out. For more information on this topic visit your NC handbook or contact Dr. McKinney for questions regarding snacks and procedures.

Other:

Ms. Vogen reminded everyone that the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students are partaking in a wreath fundraiser (made by Pioneer Valley Farms) to help with funding for fieldtrips, dances and other various fun activities throughout the school year. She stated she will be sending a detailed letter home explaining the need for this fundraiser and why everyone's participation is necessary to make this a success. She also mentioned that the order forms for the wreaths went home the end of last week. The orders and monies need to be turned in by November 1st and the wreaths should be delivered to handout on the 16th of November. What a great way to start your holiday with a fresh handmade wreath.

Jenn Gross is excited to announce the relaunch of the new PTO webpage through Facebook. The link is as follows: www.facebook.com/pages/Nettle-Creek-PTO/591164120943584 and encourages everyone to "like" the page to stay current with PTO happenings, announcements and special events that take place at Nettle Creek. It is a great resource for everyone and thinks it will be helpful for parents to get involved and be in the know from the comfort of their home. So jump on board. ☺

Next PTO meeting will be held on Thursday, November 12, 2015 at 3:30 in the Music Room.

Adjourned at 4:09pm

Attendees: Jenn Gross, Jen Chellino, Jill Vinachi, Nisse Hoge, Colleen Callahan, Shannon Baer, Stephanie de la Hera, Laura Mueller, Marissa Darlington, Kim Phillips, Megan Evenson, and Michael Gorham