

Nettle Creek Grade School

PTO Minutes

Date: April 13, 2016

Location: School Music Room

Meeting Time: 3:30pm

- 1.) Call to order at 3:30 pm
- 2.) Financial Report- Wine and Stein Numbers
 - A. Jen Chellino reported our total profits from the 2016 Wine and Stein totaling \$22,260.67. The PTO would like to thank everyone who took part in making this fundraiser a success.
- 3.) Administrative Report-Dr. McKinney
 - A. Dr. McKinney stated he is planning a Town Hall Meeting. This will take place at the school on May 12th at 10AM. All parents, families and town residents are encouraged to come to this informational meeting.
 - B. Dr. McKinney asked for financial help from the PTO for the summer reading program that will be set in place for students over the summer. The money will be used for (9) t-shirts, (3)- \$50 gift cards to Walmart and an Ice Cream Sundae Party for the students' first day back to school in August. This program will be set up through MyOn as he explained and more details will be sent home with your child as the start date approaches. PTO approved funding for the summer reading program.
- 4.) Parent Advisory Committee-
 - A. At this time nothing was discussed that pertained to this subject. Our superintendent, Dr. McKinney and the PTO board encourage all parents to attend the meetings, to air any issues, iron out any gossip and/or give positive feedback to the school and PTO. Dr. McKinney stated he would gladly answer any questions at this point in the meeting. The Parent Advisory Committee was set in place for this very reason and as always, will remain a part of our monthly meetings. So please, if you have questions, concerns or something great to share, come join us!
- 5.) Children's Garden-
 - A. Maggie Smith approached the board, asking for \$288.44 to get our Children's Garden up and running. This money, as she explained, would be used for the garden and supplies that are needed to start the project. She mentioned many ideas for the garden and her future goals. The PTO approved the funding for the initial costs at this time and will revisit the future projects as they are presented to the board. Thank you so much Maggie. What a wonderful addition the garden will be to our school in conjunction with the outdoor reading space.

6.) Old Business-

- A. Jenn Gross (myself) officially reported that she will be resigning as Nettle Creek PTO Secretary after the May 11th meeting, effective May 24, 2016. Anyone interested in filling the position, (with 1 year remaining on term) should contact Jen Chellino or Jenn Gross for more information, and be present at the May 11th PTO meeting. "It has been my pleasure to assist the teachers, students, and parents of the school and to serve on the PTO board as Secretary"- Jenn Gross
- B. Jenn Gross reports that during the preparation for Wine and Stein, PTO did not have official monthly meetings. Therefore, we have no agendas or minutes on record from January 2016, February 2016, and March 2016. PTO resumed monthly meetings this month, April 2016.
- C. Deanna Miller wanted to remind everyone to get your box tops turned in this month. Each box top is worth 10 cents.

7.) New Business-

- A.) Teacher Updates- * Ms. Vogen asked if PTO would provide power snacks for the students during PARCC testing week. PTO approved this purchase.
- B.) Teacher Appreciation Week- * Teacher Appreciation Week is set for May 2nd –May 6th. The PTO has many fun surprises for the teachers of our school as was discussed at the meeting.
- C.) Sports Banquet- *PTO was asked to supply cookies/dessert and refreshments for our Sports Banquet, presently known as the Activities Banquet. This event will be held on Thursday, May 19th at 6pm in the Nettle Creek School gymnasium. All families with children in sports and school clubs/teams are encouraged to attend. PTO approved supplying the drinks and snacks for this. Isabella Miller is making the video for the banquet. If you have a picture that you would like to submit for the video please email it to: pinkladyappletree@gmail.com
- D.) Graduation- *Ms. Vogen stated that 8th grade graduation is officially set for May 23rd at 6:30 pm in the Nettle Creek gymnasium. The school has decided to purchase black gowns for the graduates. The gowns will be stored at the school for future graduates. PTO has offered to pay for the 15 gowns at \$195.00 total.
- E.) Family Reading Night and Book Fair- *Book Fair week starts Monday, May 9th and ends on Friday, May 13th. Our Family Reading night at the school will take place on Thursday, May 12th at 6pm. Please stay tuned for more info on this and other end of the year activities.

8.) Next meeting date May 11, 2016

9.) Adjourn- *Meeting ended at 4:36 pm

Attendees: Jen Chellino, Nisse Hoge, Jenn Gross, Don McKinney, Jessica Vogen, Marissa Darlington, and Maggie Smith.

Minutes prepared by: Secretary, Jenn Gross