

**New Salem Elementary School
PTO Minutes
March 7, 2023**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Jennifer Bankert at 6:35pm.

ATTENDEES:

Craig Seelye, Kelly Stahlman, Jesse Stahlman, Cora Roush, Christica Boyer, Ashley Barbour, Andrea Bortner, Brandie Little, Jennifer Bankert, Robin Lawson, John Brenneman, Jessica Daniels

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Approval of minutes from February 7, 2023 (Approved by Kelly Stahlman, 2nd by John Brenneman)

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

1. Thank you to the PTO for providing pizza for teacher appreciation and everything PTO does for New Salem staff and students.
2. Second Grade Project Team reward day was held on February 24.
3. Heart Challenge Reward Assembly was held.
4. The science fair will be held on March 15.
5. The book fair will be held on March 15-16.
6. Kindergarten registration will be held in the p.m. on March 14 and all day on March 15.
7. New Salem Music Night will be held on March 22.
8. Spring conferences are being held throughout the month.
9. Marking period just ended.
10. Report cards go live on March 17.
11. The high school musical cast came to visit New Salem students during lunches.

TEACHERS' REPORT:

1. **Literacy Program T-shirts**-PTO will reimburse teachers. There was money budgeted for Literacy Festival, which will not take place this year.
2. **Second grade field trip**-Second grade will be going to Zoo America: North American Wildlife Zoo on May 22.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Joe Corbi's**-Pickup will be held on March 23 from 3:30-6:00. Help is needed with unloading and sorting. 685 items were sold. New Salem PTO received \$6.50 per item. Total sales were \$17,935.50. Total profit was \$4,450.50. It was suggested to do this fundraiser every other year. Our numbers do not match Joe Corbi's. Jenn is looking into this.
2. **Restaurant of the Month**-March's restaurant of the month will be held at Jim & Nena's on March 15.
3. **Yearbook**-The yearbook is coming along. There will be a meeting on March 13 at Jenn's house.

4. **Field Trip Updates**

- a. **Kindergarten assembly**-Hands on House to come to New Salem. Cost is \$585. (Approved by Cora Roush, 2nd by Brandie Little)
- b. **First Grade**-Hershey Gardens Butterfly Atrium on April 27. Cost will be \$936 plus transportation costs.
- c. **Second Grade**-Zoo America: North American Wildlife Zoo on May 22. Cost will be \$820 plus transportation costs.
- d. **Third Grade**-Previously approved field trip to Lake Tobias. Cost will be \$2,541.80.
- e. **Fourth Grade**-Approved field trip to Nixon Park on April 18.

5. **Movie Night**-Low turnout. Brought in \$200. Total cost was \$629.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Dates for End of Year Activities**

- a. April 14-4th Grade field trip
- b. April 27-1st Grade field trip
- c. May 4-3rd Grade field trip
- d. May 11-New Salem Curriculum Fair 6-7:30 p.m.
- e. May 19-Carnival Day (Raindate: May 23)
- f. May 20-New Salem Community Yard Sale
- g. May 22-2nd Grade field trip
- h. May 25-Field Day for gym class
- i. May 26-Career Day
- j. May 30-4th Grade kickball game (Raindate: May 31)
- k. TBA-Senior Walk

2. **Teacher Appreciation**-On My Grind coffee truck will be here on May 10. Dinner will be provided on 5/11 for teachers during curriculum fair. Dinner will be dropped off at 5:30 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

1. **Skate Night**-Will be held on March 9 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Admission is school supplies. Flyers were sent home.
2. **Book Fair**-Will be held on March 15-16. This year's theme will be "Luck is finding the perfect book." Tablecloths are needed. Help is needed. There will be a sign up link on the Facebook page. Setup will be on Tuesday, March 14 at 5:30 p.m. Jess will make wishlist papers for teachers. Preview for teachers will be on March 15. Jen will get breakfast trays. The online store will be open March 15-28.
3. **Food Trucks**-Will be held on April 26 4-8 p.m at Genesis Church. Trash cans are in the shed. Jess has the signs. Event will be held rain or shine. Food trucks: Sarah's Creamery, 3 Hogs BBQ, Mac Stack, Food Adventures, Bricker's French Fries, Premium Shaved Ice, Savory's Funnel Cakes, On My Grind Coffee, Bev's Jamaican Cuisine, Pretzel Lady.
4. **Springfest**-Will be held on May 12. Games: mini golf, spinner, toilet, bean bag toss, Plinko, Star Wars Toss, duck pond, lollipop tree. Christica is looking into bringing a field goal game.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. Approval of Treasurer's Report (Approved by Jennifer Bankert, 2nd by Jessica Daniels)

OPEN DISCUSSION:

1. **PTO Closet**-Jess and Jenn to organize.

AJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned by Jennifer Bankert at 7:46 p.m.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 4 at 6:30pm in the NSE library.

Respectfully submitted by Andrea Bortner, PTO Secretary 2022-2023