

**New Salem Elementary School
PTO Minutes
January 10, 2023**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Jennifer Bankert at 6:33pm.

ATTENDEES:

Craig Seelye, Cyndi Cohen, Anna Mertz, Kerry Miller, Andrea Bortner, Brandie Little, Jennifer Bankert, Kelly Stahlman, John Brenneman, Jessica Daniels

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Approval of minutes from November 1, 2022 (Approved by Kelly Stahlman, 2nd by Brandie Little)

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

1. NSE is back into the swing of things after Christmas break.
2. Pancakes with Santa went well.
3. Thank you to everyone who brought in items for teacher appreciation.
4. Altitude field trip for Cherrydale fundraiser will be held on January 25 from 11:00am-1:30pm. Permission slips were sent out yesterday for approximately 35-40 students.
5. Select parent-teacher conferences are coming up.

TEACHERS' REPORT:

1. Ms. Cohen said that Literacy Fest will not take place this year; maybe next year. Instead, the reading teachers are thinking about having a reading night with other fun activities.
2. Ms. Cohen would like to order books for Inchie. Jenn will check if Ms. Cohen should use the same link as last year.
3. Teachers appreciate everything the PTO does.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Yearbook**-4th grade cover contest entries due by January 19. There is a tentative meeting with the Lifetouch representative on February 7 at 5:00 in the library.
2. **Pancakes with Santa**-Christica did a great job. There were a lot of positive comments. We did not receive a bill from the cafeteria yet.
3. **ROTM**-We received \$200 from Jim & Nena's from December. Looking into the possibility of having January's Restaurant of the Month at the Brewtique at Zaza's. Zaza's is interested in doing an entire weekend. Looking at January 28-29. Kerry will check dates with Steph Kennedy.
4. **Holiday Lunches (Christmas/Valentine's)**-Christmas lunch was fun, and the students loved it. For Valentine's, we are looking to hand out a non-food item, such as a squishy. Jenn and Jess will help decorate.
5. **Field Trip/Assemblies**-Hands on House for Kindergarten was \$585. School-wide assembly cost \$745. Altitude field trip for Cherrydale fundraiser will be on January 25 from 11:00am-1:30pm.

6. **MegaMan Assembly**-Will be held on Thursday, January 12. The theme is "Good Choices/Bad Choices."

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Review PTO Insurance**-Need to pay approximately \$300. (Approved by Jessica Daniels, 2nd by Kelly Stahlman)
2. **Next Fundraiser: Joe Corbi's**-Jenn will check with Joe Corbi's about changing date due to other school fundraisers.
3. **SGASF**-Check written for \$500.
4. **Spirit Wear Sale**-Discussion was tabled. We will revisit the idea at a later meeting.

FREE MONEY PROGRAMS

1. We received multiple checks from Clothing-to Cash (\$188.80 from October, \$308.80 from November.
2. There was an old check from Rutter's for \$250.
3. We received \$55.70 from Boxtops.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

1. **Skate Night**-Will be held on March 9 and June 1 from 6:00-8:00pm.
2. **Movie Night**-Will be held on February 10 with a snow date of February 24. Brandie will get cash for change. Jess will take care of the movie. We need to pick a movie and fill out a facilities form. Doors will open at 6:00pm; movie will start at 6:30pm.
3. **Book Fair**-Will be held on March 15-16. Jim & Nena's will be the Restaurant of the Month on March 15. Help is needed. Be on the lookout for details.
4. **Springfest**-We will need a lot of help. Springfest will be held on May 12 from 5-8pm. There will be a meeting on January 25 at 6:00pm.
5. **Food Trucks**-Will be held on April 26 from 4-8pm at Genesis Church. Jenn will contact trucks. There is a cost associated with using the bathrooms.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. Approval of budget (Approved by Jennifer Bankert, 2nd by John Brenneman)

OPEN DISCUSSION:

1. PTO will provide pizza from Jim & Nena's on February 10 for teacher appreciation.
2. Ms. Cohen would like to purchase more T-shirts for the 100 Hour Challenge. Third and fourth graders are challenged to read for 100 hours.
3. Scholastic Book Fair-Jenn will follow up with Scholastic. Setup will be on March 14.
4. Anyone interested in helping with Junior Achievement should contact classroom teachers.

AJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned by Jennifer Bankert at 8:03pm.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 7 at 6:30pm in the library.

Respectfully submitted by Andrea Bortner, PTO Secretary 2022-2023