

Henniker Community School PTA Minutes

April 10, 2023

7:00PM

Attendees: Matt C., Nicki O., Ashley R., Deb G., Heidi DW, Jenn, Joanne K, Lindsay N, Maggie S., Michelle M., Colleen G., Lindsay B.

Called to order: 7:01

Approve last meeting minutes: Motion made and seconded to approve

Membership:

Finalize Membership rates: The membership form was created and there's a student price as well. It is depicting the changes.

Squarespace was discussed. Deb will send the password to Maggie who is familiar.

Treasurer's Report:

Deb sent the report and made some adjustments. Meadowbrook was \$4528 in our pocket. We also have a surplus. We might be able to use this money to pay for the cotton candy machine

Author visit: Deb will get a check out to Matt.

Activity Day: Do we want to vote to increase this to 1000.00. A motion was made to increase this line item to 1000.00. The date is June 2nd.

Matt Wiley has requested walkie talkies, and replacing the old megaphone. Lindsey N. mentioned that the outdoors FM system that could be used instead of buying a megaphone. Before we commit to this, we will find out more.

Matt suggested that the team come back next month with their plans and the specific dollar amounts that needed. Michelle will plan to get an itemized list when she goes back to the team.

Budget for Teacher Retirement: this may need to be adjusted. Deb and Matt will connect. They are looking to possibly do a reception for people who have milestone years of service along with the retirement.

Committee Reports:

Teacher/staff Appreciation -

Mini Committee- Joanne did some pricing and polled the teachers. They liked the idea of themed baskets for people such as spa, beach, coffee, supplies.

They liked the idea of a breakfast or a snack time thing. Joanne also had

some ideas such as goodie bag.Coffee, fancy post it notes, fun colored dry erase markers.

Other:

Fundraising:

Meadow Farm Fundraiser: Updates and determining where the money will go/what to support.

Decided at the last meeting to allocate funds after we get final numbers (see above)

Activity day: We discussed how lunch is often provided for the staff. Matt indicated that there will be a group who will ask for money to buy radios for the day. This will be k-8 and will be back to normal.

Michelle answered questions regarding Activity Day as she is on the committee. She discussed some of the fun things from the past and how the children get to sign up for five blocks. This is extended to 8th grade.

Lunch is provided for the kids, it's a cookout. There's a luncheon for all the volunteers and teachers. Usually it's a combination of sandwiches, healthy foods, etc. A sign - up sheet will also be sent out to parents for donations of snacks, etc.

Deb discussed that this may be more than 1000 dollars and the budget may be increased.

Swag Shop: Jenn sent four/five items to Nicki and will get some visuals out to us with. Matt shared a screenshot and everyone liked the Hunter Green. There are price points for our costs and also suggested selling prices.

Deb asked about guidelines. The PTA paid for the Husky item/font a number of years ago. Lindsey suggested getting the kids and families involved. Matt is also suggesting that we think about how the swag shop could really be more of a spirit thing vs. a big fundraiser in order to get more people to order.

Deb asked about ordering a few items to be raffled off to the staff at the end of the year. Matt suggested pairing the items with the Portrait of a Learner nominees.

Jenn jumped in to answer questions and discussed the student involvement. A potential field trip is an option or to bring her students to meet with interested kids to show them how it works. Multiple designs are also possible if the shop sets it up that way. Jenn will look into the bag options. It was decided that we would put out all the designs and let parents pick. Jenn said that 50 bumper stickers were already ordered and that she would be ordering water bottle stickers as well. Matt will buy the existing bumper stickers.

ECOSmith Recycling:Nicki and others:

Heidi and Nicki will be there from 10-4 at the school on the 22nd. Matt discussed that the containers were all coordinated. A permanent Eco-smith bin will be on the property. Matt will get the form for facilities use to Nicki for insurance coverage. Nothing has been printed for this yet. 2-3 volunteers are needed.

Joanne asked about high schoolers doing some community hours at this event.

Old Business:

Budget and Bylaws: Date needed - this will be separate from the meeting. Matt suggested that we meet (officers and Matt) at 6, before the meeting. May 4th - 6pm. Regular meeting is Monday the 8th.

New Business

Proceeds from Meadow Farm: determined that these would go towards Activity and Staff Appreciation day/week/

Swag Shop Decisions: See above. Nicki was voted to be in charge of the clo

Budget and Bylaws: determined, see above.

New Gym Equip: Nicki

They are looking for new Lacrosse sticks. Nicki is proposing to use the surplus money. Matt confirmed that the PE teachers are looking at a class kit. Nicki motioned to spend up to 600 on new lacross sticks.

Magic Night: Michelle discussed reaching out as a member of the Tucker Library Board and requesting side events such as the popcorn machine, etc. We can also have a table there.

Friday June 23rd at 6:30 at night.

Motion was made to approve this funding to rent a cotton candy machine and seconded.

There was a parent in the past who could get a cotton candy machine at a reduced price. Heidi DW did find one online for 150.00. We determined that we will be renting this year and looking into buying one at a later date. Michelle clarified that as a donator we would get a table there. Matt asked about who would coordinate - Colleen will coordinate getting the machine.

Henniker House: they are really interested in expanding fall fest and other things downtown. Henniker Beautification Alliance, as well as the Chamber would be interested in partnering as well.

Next Meeting: May 8th, 7pm

Meeting Adjourned: 8:02 pm