

Bethany PTO Meeting
December 15th, 2020

Parents in Attendance: Krista Damm, Elizabeth Staly, Jamie Speck, Christina Griffith, Murilo Belluzzo, Heather Worsham, Randell Pelak, Anjana Nair, Kimberly Hawk, Jesal, Katie Hickenbottom, Afsana

Staff in Attendance: Mike Parker, Toni Rosenquist, Elissa Springer

Call to Order: 7:00pm

Approval of November Meeting Minutes: Christina Griffith, Seconded Afsana

President's Report:

Read-A-Thon - Spent \$180 on Read-A-Thon. \$1475 was budgeted. \$2,015 raised so far, but more expected.

Variety Show - Had the 1st planning meeting, there is an app they will put out. 6th grade live announcers, talent will be recorded. More information will be in Bobcat.

Board Positions - Treasurer & Vice President will be vacant next year. Is anyone interested?

Vice President's Report:

January Panda Express is the fundraiser. There will be a flyer available on your phone to show. Check Bobcat.

Audit Finding: Discrepancies were found. There were two incidents where Reimbursements were less than it should have been. One where there was more in June. Going over June 2020 binder again.

Live Laugh Love Art Fundraiser - Made \$87. We did not sell over a 100 to get the larger fundraiser amount. Jamie asking for feedback...was pricing prohibitive from people buying or was it the amount of \$28? Discussion.

Treasurer's Report: Please see Attached
Discussion on Jog-A-Thon.

RFF : Mike Parker, School Counselor, Requesting (20) \$50 gift cards to Target or Fred Meyer to give to specific Bethany Families (13 students) in need for a total of \$1000

Mike - We can do a Visa GC, but concerned about a processing fee. PTO voted on this last year and did not approve it because it was for non-specified items. Last year, Sue made purchases and then she was reimbursed rather than the PTO giving the gift card. Bottom line is these are families in need, processing fees included in purchase price of Visa cards.

Voting Option #1 Fred Meyer & Target, #2 Visa Gift Card, #3 is No - OPTION #2 Passed for \$1377.35 for Visa Gift Cards by majority vote.

Principal's Report:

School painting project over break - palate will be in greys, whites, and some turquoise.
Appreciation given by the staff for cards/letters - A big thank you for all the emails, gifts, and masks that were made. It boosts spirits and they love all of it.

January 18th - MLK Day off we will be coming back on a Wednesday, which is a synchronous day.

Dr. Johnny Lake - Session #2 January 14th. Any questions?

Book Club - is Wednesday and going great

District update on In-Person Learning - Any questions? If we return to school it will be February at the earliest. They will be going by quarters to assess return. Email went out from the district. District in negotiations with teachers. Allan has been setting up hand sanitizing stations at the school, there is plexiglass, etc. Lots of discussion on 'would you send your kids back once the vaccine is rolled out'. Mrs. Springer spoke of her experience as a teacher - using phonics, Zoom, math partnering games during distance learning.

Volunteer Coordinator:

5th Grade End of the Year Party - Sign-up in Bobcat. Not many responses yet, please look and respond.

School Directory - Form is also in Bobcat if you would like to be part of

OBOB - On the Library website if anyone wants to register teams and start reading books for the competition.

Green Team:

Thank you for the November Event 741 items donated.

December Drive - Holiday Lights/Battery Recycling. Still going. Thank you to Kim for putting up signs and setting up the bins, and thank you to Jamie and Jen for dropping off the lights at Far West this coming week.

January Event - Not sure, but will be holding a GT Meeting. Life & Rissa (students) will be getting the letter out for teacher's to distribute for outdoor classrooms. Question to Toni, has the district said anything on this?

Event Ideas that are still available - Beach Clean-up, Educational Forest Park hike, Roadside Clean-up in spring.

Garden Club - Gardenclublead@bspto.org is up and will be forming an email group.

Late January, early February we are still planning to get the plant starter kits out.

Adjournment: 8:10pm

BSPTO Treasurer's Report

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Funds per QuickBooks: \$95,207.05 \$95,207.05

Operating Fund	\$43,754.43
Reserve Restricted Fund:	\$6,808.63
Capital Improvement Fund:	\$5,800.57
Fundraiser Reserve:	\$4,499.83
Garden Fund:	\$1,839.93
General Fund:	\$32,503.66

But wait....what does all of this mean to ME?!

Operating Fund :: These are the remaining funds that have been set aside to meet the budget that was established for the school year (see Adopted Budget); it covers reoccurring things like field trips, teacher funds, Art Lit, GeoQuest, etc

Reserve Restricted Fund :: These are funds that have been previously promised/approved, but not yet spent. Also, funds held in reserve for 5th Grade fundraising efforts for end of year party

Capital Improvement Fund :: These are funds that have been set aside from the Jog-A-Thon and Read-A-Thon, 20% of the total raised, to fund future "big" projects at Bethany. The big projects have yet to be determined and will first have to be approved through a voting process during the monthly PTO meetings

Fundraiser Reserve :: Per the PTO Bylaws, we must reserve 20% of the previous years funds raised from the Jog-A-Thon and Read-A-Thon in the event that we raise \$0 this year; this would allow the PTO to operate at a minimum and very basic level

General Fund :: These are the remaining funds after all of the above have been factored in