

Lottie PTO

General Membership Meeting Minutes

12/9/2024, 6:00 pm - Lottie Elementary Library

- Call to order - Emily Seal
 - Introduction of participants
 - Emily Seal
 - Patty McWain
 - Beverly Stankiewicz
 - Stephanie Halicki
 - Mrs. White
 - Mrs. Schoening
 - Carlie Critchett
 - Maria Viviano-Jurinic
 - Rochelle Cooper
 - Stevie Napper
 - Jackie Prevost-Bethel
- Principal's Report (Mrs. White)
 - Book Fair went very well this year. \$6000 in sales.
 - Family Game night was a success! We don't make a profit off of that, but we do get a discount on games. Kids had fun!
 - Family science night coming up in February. We secured a guy for a family assembly, then will have 4 breakouts. Our STEM teachers will run the breakouts - different assembly and breakouts than last year. We will have a daytime assembly and another in the evening
 - Had a principal chat. A lot of people showed up! Will look at doing another one in the second half of the school year.
 - Next week is spirit week. Will also send in Lottie line up.
 - Going to pick two covers for the yearbook. Will let the 4th and 5th graders participate since the 4th graders are leaving after this year. 1st place will go on the cover, 2nd will go on the back cover.
 - March is reading month. Will have a literacy night again this year. Going to have a craft and going to have book reports displayed. Going to tone it down a little bit this year though because the district is having a big one. More focus on the ice cream social and book reports.
 - Every year we do one school one book. This year we are having a hard time finding a book with scholastic, which we could use our points on. Read to Me is offering the books for about \$8/book. We have about 257 families, so estimated to cost over \$2000. Maybe we can talk about PTO helping with the cost some? The book we were looking at was Nims Island.

- VOTE taken, unanimous vote to approve \$2000 for march is reading month books. (We had 4k allocated for Santa shop that we will not likely have to use, and also will be bringing in money from raffle baskets at Cookies with Santa, Literacy Night and Movie Nights)

Question about the 5th grade play/concert this year. Currently not doing one this year. Mrs. White suggested having a 2nd 3rd 4th and 5th grade play this year. There is something in the works for all above grades to have a program. Currently only have a date for the 2nd graders - Feb 27th at 2pm and 6pm. 4th grade will be more of a recorder program. Currently in discussion on 3rd 4th and 5th and what theirs will look like.

Need a Full day CI para pro.

Did hire a new lunch/recess para - Caitlyn. She started today. Still need a substitute for lunch/recess paras.

The office ordered a bunch of knee high lottie lab socks. They are going to have them for sale for the kids that want to buy them.

- Teacher's Report
 - Mrs. Schoening - she did ask if any teachers had anything to bring to PTO. Kindergarten classes are asking for help with recess carts. Looking for new/different toys than what are in the classroom. I.E. Lincoln logs, tinker toys etc...
- Approval of previous month's meeting minutes (Stephanie)
 - Vote to fix the spelling of Ms. Brandals name and approve - approved.
- Treasurer's Report (Beverly)
 - Starting balance 24,789.02. Profited \$387 from spirit wear. We deposited money from Texas Roadhouse Bake Sale - \$212. Still waiting on a check from Texas Roadhouse - made around \$215 from them.
 - Expenses: We bought gift cards from Texas Roadhouse for teachers that attend meetings. Bought additional class t-shirts for new students. Had reimbursements for Fun Run and Lababoo and Trunk or Treats. Bought popcorn supplies and pulled out \$200 for change at Cookies with Santa.
- Committee Reports
 - Spirit Wear/Gym Day/Restaurant Nights (Beverly)
 - Had a lot of orders for spirit wear. We might change payment for next year. It was a lot of work and a lot of back and forth. Looking to make it an easier process.
 - Texas Roadhouse was a success, bake sale went well considering not too many people participated to bake.
 - Savvy Sliders is the next restaurant date. Tuesday Jan 21st - 23 and gratiot location.
 - Trinies is going to be in February and shooting for BWW in March or April.

- Gym Day not a hit. Had less than 10 participants from Lottie. Didn't do well last year either. Maybe look at doing Kids Empire? Can reach out for info. Somewhere more local or dropping this fundraiser. Maybe look at roller skating day or something next year. Not a fundraiser, just a Lottie night out.
 - Popcorn Days (Emily)
 - Going to be on the 20th this month. It's going to be a movie day too.
 - Santa Shop (Emily)
 - Santa Shop is set up. Going to look different this year. There are a variety of prices. Two other anchor bay elementaries use this company. Many other schools also use this company. Lots of positive feedback from other PTOs.
 - Cookies with Santa (Patty)
 - Dec 19th 6-8pm. We have a Santa and Mrs. Clause. We are going to have cookies and hot cocoa. Santa wants to hand out the candy canes to the kids. Cookies from BJs. We are getting 2 dozen gluten free/allergy free cookies also. We have teachers signed up to help. We have High school and Middle school honor society students to help run the games so families can enjoy the event. Games in the gym, Santa on stage, craft area - wooden ornaments and a bingo game. Teachers running the raffle baskets/tickets purchasing. Currently around 300 people registered.
 - Movie Night (Patty)
 - Jan 17th is movie night. 6-8. Working with Mrs. White on finalizing a movie. Looking at something G rated. Discussion of Ratatouille, Charlie Brown Movie, Wizard of Oz. Will have popcorn.
 - LC fundraiser Feb 3-21 (Emily)
 - This might be the last year for the PTO to have this fundraiser. Might run it this year and pass it over the office for an office fundraiser. Will still do the fundraiser but it will benefit the office instead of the PTO.
- Open Forum
 - Thoughts of doing the sports plex next to the high school for the 4th/5th grade celebration. Going to gather more information after the holidays. Suggestion to put a blurb in the Lottie line up to see if any parents wanted to join the committee to help with the celebration.
 - Raffle ticket winner for today's meeting: 993904 - Stevie Napper! Target gift card.
- Next Meeting: January 13, 2025
- Adjourn 7:17pm