

NES PTO MEETING MINUTES

Northfield Elementary School PTO Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 1, 2017, NES Library

The meeting was called to order by Cheryl George at 6:35pm

In attendance: Cheryl George, Breinn Robert, Megan Desmarais, Missy Kalinowski, Nolan Kitfield, Carolyn Baskowski, Kelly Gagnon, Deb Potee, Stacy Bond, Rich Fitzgerald, Jack Spanbauer

1. Welcome & Approval of Minutes

- a. Rich Fitzgerald and Jack Spanbauer from the Zoning Revision Committee spoke about the new Zoning Bylaws that Northfield residents will vote on at the Town Meeting on May 1, 2017 (see attached sheet on Bylaw Revisions)
- b. The minutes from the February 1, 2017 meeting were distributed and approved

2. Co-Chair's Report

- a. Treasurer and Secretary position open for next school year; nominees at the next meeting (April); vote at May meeting; Cheryl would like to stay on as co-chair for another 2 years; Breinn plans to stay on as co-chair for a second year
- b. Debit Card PTO account – all in favor of issuing a debit card for the PTO account with Cheryl's name
- c. Info about PTO accepting debit & credit cards for fundraisers/events was shared by Cheryl; PTO voted yes to this proposal; Cheryl will set up
- d. Grants are available from the Greenfield Garden Club and the Communities That Care; Cheryl will write a grant for basic materials for gardening (flowers, soil, etc.); not enough time to do anything with the other grant, but possibly next year; Cheryl will email Teachers and Staff regarding possible spring gardening projects
- e. Thank you cards from Fire Pond (musical duo that performed at school)
- f. Thank you card from Jay Loubris, 6th grade teacher thanking the PTO for funding the subscriptions

3. Principal's Report

- a. see attached Principal's Report
- b. Questions for Principal Desmarais: Kelly Gagnon has heard parent concerns regarding the way teachers and staff communicate and interact with students and would like to know the best way to approach this; Principal Desmarais responded and discussion followed

4. Treasurer's Report

- a. See attached Budget Report submitted by Nolan Kitfield

5. Teacher Requests

- a. None at this time

6. Fundraisers

- a. Family Bingo Night - Friday, March 10th; flyers have gone home; doors/concessions open at 5:30pm; games start at 6:00pm; prizes and baked goods needed; guest callers, Principal Desmarais and School Resource Officer Igor Komerzan, looking for 3 more guest callers
- b. Flower Power, online only fundraiser for spring?; decided not to do this fundraiser
- c. Hanging Flower Baskets - from Five Acre Farm; orders delivered before Mother's Day; Cheryl will email them to get the information
- d. Carnival Planning Meeting - next Wednesday, March 8th at 6:30pm in the NES library; will be looking for a new volunteer to lead to Fun Run race in a couple of years as Robin McKeon won't be leading this after next year, would like to find someone to work with Robin for this year and next
- e. Box Tops - not as many coming into the classrooms; discussion about offering more of a variety of awards (homework passes, games party, art party); will be sending flyer home with info (box tops do expire and the class with the neatest trimmed will get extra points)
- f. The PTO currently has 5,159 points in the Labels for Education program; Kelly Gagnon will get a catalogue to decide what the PTO would like to use the points for
- g. Fundraising Meeting in March is needed - ~~scheduled for Wednesday, March 29th at 6:30pm~~
CANCELLED, WILL BE RESCHEDULED IN MAY, DATE TBD
- h. PTO will have another produce sale the Friday before Easter and April school vacation

7. Events

- a. NES Reading Challenge - March 1-31; info sent to Teachers and sent home
- b. Internet Safety Awareness Night - Wednesday, March 15th 6:30pm at NES; Detective from the New Hampshire Task Force will present; School Resource Officer Igor Komerzan will attend; parents only event
- c. State of our Town Dinner - Saturday, April 8th; flyer home this week; volunteers have been contacted; a building use permit needs to be filled by Cheryl; fee will be waived; will have some food donated
- d. Golf Tournament - Currently scheduled for Saturday, June 24th, 2017, however there are conflicts with other golf tournaments happening in the area; other choices are May 13th (Carnival date) and August 19th; decided to keep the June 24th for this year; will be able to get donations of food

8. Enrichment Programs

- a. Fire Pond Musical Performance was February 17th
- b. Reimbursement forms have been submitted to the Northfield Cultural Council for both the Birds of Prey and Fire Pond programs
- c. Ed the Wizard - Cheryl will email him about scheduling his performance date

11. Playground Report

- a. February 13th meeting was cancelled due to snow day; next meeting will be scheduled in April, date TBD

Next Meeting

Wednesday, April 5, 2017, 6:30pm, NES Library

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm

Submitted by Carolyn Baskowski, Secretary