

NES PTO MEETING MINUTES

Northfield Elementary School PTO Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 7, 2016, NES Cafeteria

The meeting was called to order by Cheryl George at 6:30pm

In attendance: Cheryl George, Breinn Robert, Megan Desmarais, Missy Kalinowski, Nolan Kitfield, Deb Potee, Carolyn Baskowski, Holly Stacy, and Lara Dubin

1. Welcome & Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the November 2, 2016 meeting were distributed and approved

2. Co-Chair's Report

- a. The PTO's request for \$10,000 for new swings was approved at the Special Town Meeting; Cheryl George, Lara Dubin and Deb Potee represented the PTO at the meeting; Megan will write a thank-you note on behalf of The PTO
- b. It has been a very successful fall with events and fundraising
- c. Cheryl & Breinn attended the Internet Safety Night at Hinsdale Elementary School on November 29th and really liked what they heard and saw; discussion about having an Internet Safety night similar to this at NES, possibly using local people as resources; a January evening is being considered; NES would host and could possibly invite the other elementary schools
- d. A Thank You card from the Teacher & Staff was given to The PTO for the luncheon they provided during Parent/Teacher conferences

3. Principal's Report

- a. See attached Principal's report submitted by Megan Desmarais

4. Treasurer's Report

- a. See attached Budget Report submitted by Nolan Kitfield

5. Teacher Requests

- a. Shannon Miner, 6th grade teacher - a \$99.95 grant request for 6th grade play was approved
- b. Margie Babbitt, Title 1 Tutor - a \$24.15 grant request for a Math Expressions 1st grade teacher manual was approved
- c. Jay Loubris, 6th grade teacher - a \$173.07 grant request for magazine subscriptions was tabled until next meeting
- d. Amy Tibbetts, 2nd grade teacher - a \$11.10 grant for an entomology study was approved

6. Old Business

- a. Northfield Fall Festival/Pumpkin Festival - hope to possibly form a committee in the spring
- b. It was decided that The PTO will not provide concessions at basketball games

7. New Business

- a. State of our Town dinner (spaghetti supper) - for families and town people to understand more about what is going on in Northfield - possibly a March date?
- b. Rich Fitzgerald (Planning Board Chair) & Jack Spanbauer (Selectboard Member) from the Zoning Revisions Committee will attend a future PTO meeting in Feb or March to share info about the new zoning revisions

8. Fundraisers

- a. YTD total=\$8,711.88 (see attached report)
- b. Holiday Fair - Baskets, \$2,089; Food, \$454.27
- c. Wreaths - \$213.34, the rest will be sold at during Special Day in Northfield at the Town Library
- d. A second Produce Sale (donation through C&S) is being planned - date for either Wednesday, Dec 21st or Thursday, Dec 22nd
- e. Garden Cinema Movie Day - Tues, Dec. 27th, 9:30am, "Sing", no pre-order tickets, just at the door
- f. Skating Day - Mon, Jan. 2nd, 11am-12am. Decision still needs to be made regarding concessions and possible lunch option

9. Events

- a. Family Movie Night, Saturday, January 21st, starting at 5pm for food; some movie choices were discussed, Lara Dubin will email out a list of movies and ratings to Cheryl George; Lara will get license for one day showing (cost \$172)

10. Enrichment Programs

- a. Tom Ricardi, Birds of Prey - Wednesday, January 18th, 2017; there was a discussion about whether the purpose of these assemblies are only for the NES students or also for families
- b. FIREPOND - Friday, February 17th, 9:30am, 45 minute performance (all-school assembly)

11. Playground Report

- a. Planning needs to start for new swings install and golf tournament
- b. Next Playground Committee meeting in January or February

Next Meeting

Wednesday, January 4th, 2017, 6:30pm, NES Library

Meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm

Submitted by Carolyn Baskowski, Secretary