

December PTO Minutes

Dec. 13, 2011

Attendance: Amy Rankin, DJ Smith, Laurie Herington, Tiffany Jones, Todd Poole, Kathy Thomas, Elizabeth Legnani, Aaron Carlton, Julia Bailey, Rachel Anderson, Kate White, Becky Cummons, Robin Hido, Shelley Loofboro and Kevin Martin.

Amy Rankin introduced Aaron Carlton, guidance counselor from Roosevelt HS, as a guest speaker. Aaron wanted to speak with PTO about local scholarships for Roosevelt seniors. A list was passed out with all of the scholarships offered locally and county wide. He mentioned that Longcoy, one of Kent City Schools elementary already offers a scholarship. He said it is a goal of his to have all five elementary schools offer scholarships to their alums. Our PTO can set up guidelines as far as how much to offer, qualifications and process of picking a winner. Questions were answered by Aaron. PTO thanked him for coming and we plan to discuss this further at the next meeting.

President's Notes: Amy thanked all the volunteers who helped with teacher/staff conference dinner. Teachers/Staff really appreciated it. Also, thanked volunteers that helped with fundraiser pick up. Holiday Shoppe went well according to Sherri Zalewski and Kathi

Grissom, co-chairs of Holiday Shoppe. Approx. \$325 was given to children to shop for their families. Profit of approx. \$266. 35 was made this year. This was lower than years past. They are looking for someone to shadow them next year and eventually take over as next year will be their last year running the Holiday Shoppe. If interested, please let Amy Rankin know at amyrankin@neo.rr.com. Amy also said that there is a need for a Fall Fundraiser coordinator. Fall fundraiser did not do well this year. Mr. Poole sent out a survey to the parents about suggestions for fundraisers. Results of the survey were passed around. Rebecca Cummons shared information about a fundraiser that was done in Rootstown. The fundraiser had students send 5-10 names and addresses of family members/friends. The fundraiser committee then sent letters asking for donations to these names. All the monies go to the school. She will get PTO more information on this. Kathy Thomas shared information on another fundraiser idea. It is basically like the entertainment books. Parents appeared to like one or the other ideas. Will discuss more in future. COSI is coming Thursday, Dec. 15th. PTO paid the balance on this event last month. Amy said there is still a need for volunteers. If anyone can help to please let her know.

Principal's Notes: We had 15 donors at the last blood drive. We will need 10 more donors in the spring in order to receive a \$500 grant. Mr. Poole announced that the talent show will be next month for K-2 and in Feb. for grades 3-5. He plans to send out an email with details soon. Students can only be in ONE act in the talent show.

Treasurer's Notes: DJ passed out the PTO balance and budget sheet. As of Dec. 13th, PTO has \$2571.06 in the account. Stanton was paid their part of Market Day sales.

Movie Night: Kevin Martin announced Movie Night will be Jan. 13th @ 7. If you are interested in helping him out please let him or Amy Rankin know. Kohls will be contacted to see if they can help out. Kohls gives the school \$500 every time they have 5 of their employees volunteer at a school function.

School Dance: Will be on Friday, February 3rd in the school gym.

Volunteers/PTO involvement: DJ went over some of the suggestions that were given from the survey Mr. Poole sent out regarding on how to increase PTO involvement and parent volunteers. We were happy to see several new faces tonight! Putting the PTO minutes on school website, listing what events need volunteers and listing the things that PTO has paid for were some of the suggestions that were given. Mr. Poole said that he will start putting the PTO minutes on the Franklin school web page.

Meeting adjourned. Next PTO meeting will be Tuesday, January 10, 2012!