

Rogers Elementary PTA Meeting Minutes November 4, 2020

Call Meeting to Order

- Meeting called to order by Katie Blackburn, President at 7:03 p.m.
- 12 in attendance

Presidents' Report – Katie Blackburn

- Welcome
- Thank you to Mrs. Meacham for hosting her FAQ meeting about return to school. Many parents found this very helpful.
- The District Council has decided Caring and Sharing this year will be distributed through gift cards. They will be partnering with Hollywood Markets.
- The District Council has decided the Founders Day Dinner will not take place this year. Rogers PTA can work to do something to recognize individuals at Rogers at that time.
- The Member Directories have been sent to the printer and once they arrive we will figure out how they will be distributed.
- The PTA would like to purchase dinner for the teachers on the night of conferences (November 19th at 9-11 1-1:30 and 5:30-8:00) and have it delivered to the school at 4:00 and can arrange for porch deliveries for those teachers who will be conducting conferences from home.
- All PTA Meetings for the remainder of the school year will be conducting through Zoom.

Treasurer's Report – JoAnne O'Connell

- October monies raised included Dine to Donate from Uncle Andy's of \$400.
- Fun(d) Run expenses were lower than budgeted.
- \$550 has been paid for Council dues.
- IRS 990 has been filed.
- Member directories came in \$200 below budget.
- The insurance policy is due for renewal and was not included in the initial budget. This is a \$200 expense for a 3 year policy. Given that directories came in \$200 under budget the money can be transferred from one line to the other if approved. A motion was made by Katie Blackburn, seconded by Melissa Hammond and approved.
- JoAnne will document the updated policy information in MemberHub once the premium has been paid.
- \$218 was found in an old PTA Paypal account and was added to the current PTA bank account.

Principal's Report – Beth Meacham

- Thank you to everyone for their patience with all the changes to our schedules.
- Thank you to everyone who attended the FAQ meeting. Mrs. Meacham will be happy to conduct another of these meetings if parents feel it will be helpful going forward.
- Student Council elections are taking place. This year the elections will be limited to the 5th grade. Student Council is once again being overseen by Mr. Duffey and Mrs. Smarjesse.
- Thank you to the PTA for the note and snack pack.
- 5th grade camp has been canceled by Storer Camps as they have canceled all groups through March 2021. Mrs. Meacham and Rogers PTA will be looking for ways to make some special events for 5th graders to help ease this loss. (Katie Blackburn stated that the District Council has been talking about working on this in the Spring and possibly working with the YMCA to organize a day camp to bring all 5th graders across the District together.)
- The Halloween vidhug was sent to families as well as to the residents of Oxford Towers who always donate bags of treats for the kids to receive during our parade.
- Teachers are still focusing on teaching the whole child and are using our new Second Step lessons for social emotional learning.

Membership's Report –

- Membership total is currently at 91.

Public Relations' Report – Melissa Hammond

- No Report.

Secretary's Report – Amy Bluhm

- Approval of October 2020 PTA Board Minutes
 - Motion was made by Beth Meacham and seconded by Liz Capuano, motion passed and minutes were approved.
- Box Tops for Education were collected when students came in for NWEA testing. Unfortunately, it appears this program is dying out now that it has gone digital. As fewer items have actual clipable Box Tops and people need to scan register receipts our profits are greatly decreased. The total sent in for this Fall submission was \$21.50. Our digital profit for this school year is \$43.50. It was suggested that these anticipated funds be removed from future budgets.
- In speaking with Mr. Lou he advised Rogers is in need of a new snow blower as the current one has been repaired many times and is on its last leg. The model he is looking at is approximately \$530 (currently on sale for \$480). Discussion was had about different retail options and possibly getting a reduced rate from known sponsors in our area. Melissa Hammond is also going to organize another Dine to Donate specifically promoting the funds to be used for this. (Mrs. Meacham shared that Mr. Lou will be having shoulder surgery this Friday and will be on leave for an undetermined length of time. When he returns to the building he will be on restrictions.)

Teacher Delegate's Report – Liz Capuano

- Thank you for the salty/sweet treats.
- Mrs. Capuano will send a reminder to teachers about PTA membership if they have not already joined.
- Mr. Duffey had inquired as to whether there is still funding for Battle of the Books (JoAnne O'Connell will be in contact with him to let him know that funding is the same as last year).
- Teachers have been using folders/envelopes to get work packets back and forth to students and have been trying to include things like blank paper, but if parents have suggestions or needs please let the teachers know.

PTSA Delegate's Report –

- Information included in President's Report

Fun(d) Run earnings totaled \$12,500. This was double our projected figure. We were down \$5,000 in lost business sponsors for the year. Stransky & Company came in as a last minute sponsor. Thank you letters have been sent to Aldi, Toadvine Books, Toyology and Stransky & Company. The response to the video was great and it was nice to see so many kids participating in different places and different ways. Raffle prizes were handed out with picture packets, thank you to Natalie Hill and Kim Russell for getting that done. The last of the expenses will be submitted with the Scholastic e-wallets. Toyology donated prizes for the high earner and Roger Raccoon will be delivering those to students when his schedule permits. When a donation was accidentally made through an old PTA paypal account we found \$218 that we did not know was there.

Family Craft Night is scheduled for December 4th. At a past meeting it was discussed that a Holiday Craft Challenge might be better this year where the students can submit supply lists and short videos demonstrating the craft they create. The entries could be voted on and the winners would be used for our crafts next year. Discussion was had about holding a virtual craft night. Cindy Mack who is co-chair along with Kathy Berryman said she would talk to Kathy, but that she is willing to work on making that happen. It was thought kits could be put together that contain three separate crafts and directions and either be passed out along with classroom packets or during a drive-thru pickup and then Zoom meets would be conducted by grade level for families to craft together with classmates families. Katie Blackburn noted that the NHS students are looking to get some volunteer hours in and could assist in putting the craft packets together.

Holiday cards for the Caring & Sharing recipients have been made by students under the direction of Ms. Stone in the past. It was suggested that cards could also be made for the residents of Oxford Towers and Mrs. Capuano will discuss this with Ms. Stone.

PPE budget will not cover the cost of scrubs for teachers and there is a limited supply of disposable scrubs. Discussion was had about purchasing two lab coats for teachers that they could change for morning and afternoon sessions.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.