

# **Rogers Elementary PTA Meeting Minutes**

## **December 1, 2020**

### **Call Meeting to Order**

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

### **Presidents' Report – Katie Blackburn**

- Welcome
- Joanne has Member Hub loaded and our Standard of Affiliation is all in line.
- Directories were hand delivered to local families and mailed to those out of District.
- At the District Council meeting there was discussion about Founders Day and although there will not be a banquet this year it was thought that winners could be given restaurant gift cards equivalent to the cost of dinner tickets which is believed to be between \$50-\$75 per couple. They would like to send letters with the gift cards and Vince Gigliotti may possibly do a prerecorded video to post through the District and then individual schools could each do their own thing. We are in need of a volunteer to collect and tally votes and that would need to start after the holiday break.
- There has been an overwhelming response to Caring and Sharing and at last look approximately \$22,000 has been collected. There are approximately 130 families in the schools who will be receiving gift cards. Usually unclaimed food boxes are sent to the local VFW for distribution to veterans, however, this year because we are only dealing with gift cards the donations will only be going to school families. The District has teamed up with Hollywood Markets and they have put limits on the cards being issued so that they may not be used to purchase tobacco, alcohol or lottery items. However, things such as diapers may be purchased with the funds.
  - Since there is no need for volunteers to organize and distribute food boxes this year a motion was made by Katie Blackburn that the \$400 budgeted to pay for meals for volunteers be donated in full to Caring and Sharing. Lamia Banyai seconded the motion and it was approved.
  - It has not yet been determined, however, it is believed that distribution of the gift cards will be handled by each school/principal. It was felt personal delivery rather than mail is the better option.

### **Treasurer's Report – JoAnne O'Connell**

- It was confirmed that the cost per ticket for past Founders Day Dinners has been \$30 and winners are invited to bring a guest which would allow for a gift card purchase of \$60.
- November expenses paid included directories, insurance and taxes. We have received a letter showing we are in good standing
- Thanks to the Uncle Andy's Dine to Donate and a donation from the Dad's Club we have raised \$500 to purchase the snow blower we discussed last month.

- Amazon Smile periodically sends deposits and this year to date we have received approximately \$90.
- We will make the donation to Caring and Sharing of \$400.
- We will continue to monitor our return to school dates and adjust the amounts of Covid Relief verses Enrichment funds as needed.

### **Principal's Report – Beth Meacham**

- Thank you to Melissa Hammond for facilitating another successful Dine to Donate with Uncle Andy's.
- Thank you to the PTA for the dinner provided to staff during conferences.
- Thank you to Katie Blackburn for delivering directories.
- Thank you to Cindy Mack and Kathy Berryman for organizing craft night.
- Thank you to Amy Bluhm for delivering Thanksgiving cards from students to Oxford Towers residents.
- Thank you to the Dad's Club for their generous donation.
- There is no update on a return to school at this time.
- There are still several families who have picture packets and other items to be picked up. These and other items are being placed outside the main office doors from 8:30 to 3:30 each day. If anyone needs to make other arrangements to obtain these items they may call or email Mrs. Meacham.
- 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade battle of the books begins this week. It is very exciting that we will be able to continue this event virtually. As always the books look like they are all good reads.
- TK-2 grade students should all be receiving information to access Dreambox to allow students to work on math skills.
- If students are able to create holiday cards for us to include with the gift cards for Caring and Sharing as well as to take to the residents of Oxford Towers there is a drop box at the main office doors for collection.
- Work will soon start at the front of the building to install a new marquee as well as other new signage.
- Any help parents can provide to facilitate their children completing the wellness screeners would be appreciated. These are being done on a biweekly basis and can be accessed in the Schoology Principal's Office Course.

### **Membership's Report –**

- Membership total is currently 98.

## Public Relations' Report – Melissa Hammond

- Thank you to all the families that participated in the Uncle Andy's Dine to Donate fundraiser.
- Thank you to the Dad's Club for their donation. These funds were raised through a t-shirt sale they held.

## Secretary's Report – Amy Bluhm

- Approval of November 2020 PTA Board Minutes
  - Motion was made by Melissa Hammond and seconded by Beth Meacham, motion passed and minutes were approved.

## Teacher Delegate's Report – Andrea Halas

- Thank you for the dinner provided at conferences it was much appreciated.
- Thank you for all the donations to Caring and Sharing.
- Thank you to Melissa Hammond for her postings on Facebook about Caring and Sharing.

## PTSA Delegate's Report –

- Information included in President's Report

**Family Craft Night** is scheduled for this Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to the parents who have lent out their Zoom accounts to enable us to hold separate Zoom meetings for each grade level to craft together. Zoom link information will be emailed to those who registered. Craft kits will be available for pick up at the parking lot doors from 2:00-3:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday.

**Snow blower fundraiser** was a success and as a local business, Durst Lumber, is offering us a discount we raised more than is needed. A motion was made by Katie Blackburn and seconded by Melissa Hammond to approve payment of \$476.10 to Durst Lumber for the purchase of the snow blower, the motion passed and a check for purchase will be issued.

**Yearbook Cover Contest** information will be sent out next week to allow students time over the holiday break to come up with ideas and create their art. Students will vote on designs by grade level. The theme this year will remain similar to that in past years "What do Resilient Raccoons See, Think & Wonder this year?"

**Fifth Grade Camp** was brought up and there is no new information about alternative plans at this time. The District is currently focused on Caring and Sharing to be followed by Founders Day and Fifth Grade Camp. It was noted that Storer Camps has talked about creating a 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp Experience for students who have missed out on the 5<sup>th</sup> grade camp.

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.