

Tibbets PTA General Meeting Minutes- Thursday, January 10, 2019

Tibbets Elementary School Library Media Center

In attendance were Esther Weitzel (President), Brenda Johansen (Vice President), Cheryl Kenth (Treasurer), Pam Person (Fundraising Chairperson), Denise Babcock, Ken Babcock, Sarah Hagie, Kayla Crane, Stephanie Gunderson, Sarah Jost, Greg Wells, Jodi Tust, Lisa Wald, Sarah Cox, Sharon Nelson, and Courtney Savercool.

The meeting was called to order by Esther Weitzel at 6:14 p.m. Esther expressed gratitude to all of the volunteers that made all of the December events possible, including the \$50 Amazon gift cards for teachers, the staff holiday luncheon, the classroom wish lists, the Giving Tree, the Hawaiian Holidays December Family Fun Night, the Music Department's Holiday Program, and the PTA Ornament Sales. Thank you cards from the staff members were passed around. Esther also thanked the James family for taking time over the holidays to complete shelving in the PTA's shed, allowing for PTA items to be stored and organized safely and securely.

The minutes from the December 13, 2018 meeting were presented by Esther for approval. Kate Hommen made a motion to approve the minutes. Sarah Cox seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Cheryl presented the December cash on hand statement for approval. This included the final donation to the Tibbets Library Media Center of \$1,796.16 from the fall Scholastic Book Fair. Kate Hommen made a motion to approve the statement, Sarah Jost seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Brenda discussed the Giving Tree, which was able to provide gifts to 31 children, including a mix of Tibbets families and families who work with the Walworth County Treehouse. Brenda expressed thanks to all of the volunteers who helped with finding gifts to make a special holiday for each child in need, and especially to Buffy Getzen, Sarah Cox, Cory Sotala and Michelle Schopf for their help in organizing and distributing the gifts. Brenda also thanked all of the volunteers who took part in making the December Family Fun Night such a success.

Brenda and Courtney discussed the need to cancel the upcoming January Family Fun Night at the Whitewater Aquatic Center due to unforeseen circumstances. Other options, including switching events around, were discussed, but it was decided to keep the February Family Fun Night as is. Katie James will be organizing a vote for students to choose their movie, and the February Family Fun Night will be on 2/15/19 in the Tibbets Cafetorium, with water and snacks provided.

Sarah Jost reiterated that the March Family Fun Night will be on March 10, 2019, at Just for Fun in McHenry IL from 3 to 5 p.m. Admission will be \$6, which includes skate rental, and the PTA will receive half of the profit.

Pam had Denise draw for the January calendar raffle: \$100 to Tiana Dahir (Mae Dahir family); \$25 to Michael Lakin (Addison Babcock family); Neil Watson (Khloe Watson family); Amy & Andrew Meyer (Eli & Charlotte Meyer family); and Grant Wiswell (Addison Babcock family).

Pam noted that she collected the check from the November Culver's Night, which resulted in a \$457.00 donation to the Tibbets PTA. She noted that Culver's now has new owners, and the group expressed hope that the new owners would continue their partnership with the PTA.

Pam and Mr. Wells discussed the staff response to the holiday staff luncheon, noting that the food was great and the amount was perfect- enough to feed everyone without risking a shortage. As always, the staff expressed their gratitude for the generous donations of food during a busy time.

Pam shared a new design for a Tibbets car decal, noting that the fall shed cleanout had led to the discovery of the previous supplier among the records. Pam has worked with the company to design a tiger paw decal. The group discussed the ability to sell the decal at \$5 apiece, as well as providing it as a gift to staff members or during the upcoming 5K orientation. Courtney Savercool moved to purchase 250 decals at \$1.49 apiece. Lisa Wald seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. During the discussion Pam showed the remaining stock of the previous Tibbets decals, and members present were able to purchase them.

The group noted that another local group is considering beginning their own calendar raffle, and discussed the potential impact it may have on future ticket sales. Kate Hommen agreed to look into the logistics of publishing a Tibbets cookbook of some kind as an ongoing fundraiser, and will report back to the group.

Mr. Wells reiterated his and all of the staff member's gratitude for the group's donations and support. He discussed the success of the Holiday Music Program, and was especially pleased to hear of extended family members in the United Kingdom watching children at Tibbets perform. He praised Mrs. Seye-Pyle for her excellent leadership of the music program, and thanked the Jost family for their generous donation of time to run the audio and lighting for such a complex program. He noted that winter MAP testing will begin next week.

Kate Hommen reported that she will set a date for the March Pop-Tab-Palooza at the next general meeting. If the school meets its goal of pop tab collection, the reward will be a Superhero/Princess Dress-Up day. Esther reported that Jen Cernech plans to start the Box Top Drive in February, and a note will be sent home with students. If the school meets its goal of Box Top collection, the reward will be a Pajama day.

Courtney reported that the directory should be done within the next two weeks, and that she plans to do a paper-only collection next year by sending a flyer home in the back-to-school packets, hopefully allowing for the directory to be completed more easily. She and Cheryl reported there are currently about 100 responses, up from around 60 last year.

Sarah Jost made a motion to adjourn at 7:04 p.m., which was seconded by Kate Hommen and passed unanimously.

Prepared and Submitted by:

Brenda Johansen