

**Tibbets PTA
General Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2018**

Present: Esther Weitzel (President), Brenda Johansen (Vice President), Katie James (Secretary), Cheryl Kenth (Treasurer), Pam Person (Fundraising Chair), Kate Abbe, Heather Anderson, Denise Babcock, Sarah Cox, Brett Getzen, Buffy Getzen, Stephanie Gunderson, Kate Hommen, Chris Jost, Sarah Jost, Sharon Nelson, Courtney Savercool, Erin Sukala, Jodi Tust, and MaKensie Watson.

Esther called the meeting to order at 6:06pm. The minutes from the October 11, 2018 meeting were presented by Katie for approval. Kate H. made a motion to approve the minutes, Buffy seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Cheryl presented the October receipts/disbursements for approval. The PTA sold the donated Getzen instrument on eBay for \$733.20, 3rd quarter Frank's receipts totaled \$101.88, and monthly PTA meeting babysitting costs were returned to \$50. Sarah J. made a motion to approve the financial activity, Buffy seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Kate A. gave a presentation on Thrivent Financial as part of our monthly Business Member spotlight. She said the Christian-based organization helps families manage funds and provides opportunities to "Give Generously". Thrivent focuses on life, disability, and long-term insurance as well as investment services. She also offered information to teach children good money habits and piggy banks to get kids started! She has a flexible schedule and can be reached by email kate.abbe@thrivent.com or phone (262) 740-9040.

Esther, Brenda, and Pam thanked volunteers and reported the successes of current PTA programs: Trunk-or-Treat had 36 trunks and used over 14,000 pieces of candy during the hour-long program! Custodian Lizz Remington raised \$60 with the staff pumpkin raffle too. The Scholastic Book Fair sales totaled \$7,330.09 (raising approx. \$1,750 for Tibbets LMC iPad replacement). Teachers sent a thank-you card for Parent Teacher conference meals provided by families; next year, meals should be prepared for lunchtime. The Culver's Food Night raised approx. \$450 for the PTA too!

Pam had Denise draw for the November calendar raffle: \$100 to Denise Babcock (Addison Babcock family); \$25 to Elizabeth Getzen (Emma Getzen family), Lenny Kottke (Charlotte & Parker James family), Stacey Malvitz (Bode Malvitz family), and Cassie O'Donnell (Callahan O'Donnell family). The Ehrhardt family has generously donated back their four morning Christmas program VIP seats to the PTA to be raffled off during the December Family Fun Night. Tickets may be purchased for \$5 each and anyone can participate!

Brenda asked for volunteers to assist with the upcoming "Hawaiian Holiday" Family Fun Night on December 14. The committee has a craft, cookies and milk, movie, and a visit from Santa Claus planned. Brenda also detailed Holiday Giving Tree program, which provides gifts to Tibbets families as well as children from The Walworth County Tree House. Ornaments (with children's gift ideas) will be available at school and online for selection November 26. Wrapped, labeled packages must be returned by December 19. Gift receipts are appreciated.

Esther will post upcoming volunteer opportunities, classroom wish lists, and December 19 staff Christmas lunch items needed on the PTA website: www.tibbetspta.com later this month.

Prospective family fun night events were reviewed: January 18: Whitewater Aquatic Center, February 15: Movie Night at Tibbets, March 3 or 10: Roller skating, April: Possible Burpee Museum event.

Jodi presented Spirit Wear samples and order forms to the group. Gray Gildan short and long-sleeved t-shirts, and hooded sweatshirts will be available. Forms will be sent home November 12, must be returned by November 20, with purchased items to be picked up at the December FFN. Esther has also ordered 250 Tibbets Christmas ornaments to be sold at the December FFN and Christmas program. Ornaments will be sold for \$5 each with proceeds to benefit the Music Department.

Courtney will be sending a Google Form and paper registrations out to families interested in being included in the 2018-19 Tibbets directory. Chris suggested using the PollEverywhere app too. Buffy will help with data entry. Teacher contact and business members will be featured as well.

The Schwan's incentive program will run November 9-December 24. Tibbets PTA will receive 25% of purchases and 40% of gift card sales during that time! Shop at: <https://www.schwans-cares.com/campaigns/43445-tibbets-elementary-pta>

Chris reported that Mr. Christensen receives about \$1,500 annually from the Jump Rope/Hoops for Heart fundraising effort and anyone who can help decorate for next month's Christmas program should contact Mrs. Seye-Pyle.

Sarah J. made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25pm, Chris seconded. Motion passed.

Prepared and Submitted by:
Katie James
Secretary