

**Northeast Elementary PTO Meeting
October 13, 2015
NES Library**

The PTO president Kim Derosier called the meeting to order at 5:45 pm. Those in attendance were: Kim Derosier, Crystal Jackson, Amanda Pompa, Tina Glidden, Amy Doucette, Tina Spagnelo, Amanda Ruttenberg-Hakiam, Shigion Niquette, Kristan Doyle, Amanda Warner, Jacqui Heidelberger, Jake Kalnenieks, Heidi Rodriguez, Brenda Greene and Dawn Frey.

Secretary's Report: none

Treasurer's Report: Amanda Pompa presented the new budget for approval with all changes made. Items removed: Family Fun Dance (replaced with Bingo), Tag Sale/Raffle, Pizza Night, Kids Under Construction, and the Science Fair. These events were removed because we no longer participate in them or are being replaced with new events. All other items were kept in the budget although some amounts were changed. The budget for the Ice Cream Social was increased and money will be added into Scholarships and may be used to furnish gifts for the 5th grade class upon graduation. The amount for camp scholarships was also increased. The assembly amount was decreased. The budget also includes money to fund future events or to be added to existing events, including assemblies. Dawn Frey wanted to add a stipulation that any extra money would go to the assembly budget but this amendment was not voted in. Motion to approve the budget for the year was made by Crystal Jackson and seconded by Dawn Frey. The motion was passed with no objections.

Amanda Pompa also reviewed recent income and expenses generated.

Donations from Businesses: \$206.39

Book Fair Loan: -\$100.00

Book Fair: \$1719.87

Profit from Book Fair: \$700.00-PTO received \$357.43 and the library received \$357.42

Old Business:

Principal's Tidbits: Principal Greene discussed upcoming events for the school. These included the kindergarten field trip to The Foster Family Farm on October 19th, the first grade field trip to The Playhouse on October 30th and the Rainforest Animals assembly on November 21st. The Boy Scouts will meet on Thursdays.

Communications: Tina Glidden presented the communications update. The webpage has been updated as well as the PTO bulletin board. The weekly email/flyer is sent to Tammy Joy so she can email it to the parents. If anyone would like anything added please have the information to Tina no later than Tuesday. If anyone has any suggestions please get in touch with Tina Glidden. It was determined that the PTO Facebook page is still active. Dana was still updating the page but Dawn suggested that the PTO Facebook page be deactivated. All in attendance agreed to this. The NES facebook page is still active and will be updated regularly. Crystal volunteered to respond to incoming emails addressed to the PTO.

The superintendents' "Good News" will be added to the NES site and Amanda will update the activities page for NES. Principal Greene will send texts for the PTO. Information on how to be added to the texting list will be added to the next email update.

Ice Cream Social Update: Cookies and cream ice cream was added as a choice this year. Most in attendance purchased their tickets in advance. There were very few at the door. This event brought in \$571.00 and paid out \$323.77. This left a profit of \$247.23. There was some extra ice cream left over and this is being used for students to have ice cream with Mr. Lubbet. Five names were drawn from the Ice Cream Social tickets. The students were: Victoria Pialen, Leah Fiora, Lauren Tedford, Taylor Glidden and Ciomari Aponte.

Book Fair: The Book Fair produced a profit of \$714.58. This was divided between the PTO (\$357.43) and the NES library (\$357.42). It was determined that the Scholastic Book order sheet would not be distributed during the month of September due to the Book Fair taking place.

Box Tops: This was presented by Sara Mullins in a handout. There are a total of 5,902 box tops from the end of last year and the beginning of this year. It is estimated we will have 6,000 by December. The estimated profit is \$600.00. At the end of October an update on the contest will be sent out. As of now Mrs. Chep's class is in first place with 213, Mrs. Smith's class and Ms. Cribben's each have around a 100.

Labels for Education: Labels from the end of last year and the beginning of this year have been submitted for a total of 22,574. Principal Greene would like the points to be used to purchase 4 \$50.00 Visa cards, 1 \$25.00 Visa card and a soccer ball. A flyer was added to the Thursday folder to encourage people to participate.

Supermarkets: Christine Corneliuson Rylander has created a cover letter and information about this program for the Thursday folder. Stores included are Price Chopper and Stop & Shop. Christine is also researching the Amazon Smiles program.

Butter Braids: Crystal Jackson is overseeing this fundraiser. The order forms have been sent out. They are due by October 30th and pick up is on November 13. Pick up will be from 3:00 to 6:00, no exceptions. Tina S., Dawn, Kim and Teresa have volunteered to help Crystal with the sorting and pick up.

Mixed Bags: Crystal Jackson and Amanda Pompa are organizing this fundraiser. This might be available next month.

Fall Bingo: Amanda Pompa is organizing this event. This event is replacing the Family Fun Dance. Information will be included in the Thursday folder and the email update for parents when it becomes available.*

Holiday Store: Crystal Jackson is organizing this event. She is currently looking for a new supplier and will provide an update at the next meeting.

New Business:

- Tina Spagnelo suggested researching different companies for the school pictures. Principal Greene is researching pricing on alternative companies.
- Kim Derosier suggested having a “My Hero Dance” around Valentine’s Day. A request for volunteers will be sent out in a PTO weekly email. A committee will be formed to organize this event.
- A grant was issued to Mrs. Pelletier for \$25,000.00 and will be used to purchase items needed for the 5th grade. An account has been set up at “Donors Choose.” This account is pending approval by the website. Amanda Pompa will try to have a debit card issued for the account so the items may be purchased.

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:03 pm by Kim Derosier and seconded by Crystal Jackson.

Minutes submitted by Amy Doucette, PTO secretary.

*Unfortunately Bingo Night was cancelled due to state regulations.