

GPO Meeting Notes-January 9, 2019

Attendance: Molly Patrick, Beth Vischer, Jen Walsh, Stephanie Fava, Sarah Gott, Amy Bois, Carol Stella, Alanna Shrek, Oxana Sabalakov, Jenn Haight, Carla Snow

Current Events:

Babysitting will be needed on Monday, February 4th 6:30-8:30 with two shifts. First hour Stephanie Fava will supervise. Need another adult to supervise the second hour. Ask Nicole-Molly to get students to help out. Can Jodi set up a button on the website to reserve spots? Where is it located? Carla will find out.

Afterschool Enrichment/Paypal payment-Packets went out to teachers, Lyn set up Paypal with Jodi so parents can pay online. We can add a shopping cart function-woocommerce will be discussed again.

The cost of the class covers the materials needed.

Cycle Fierce-January 30, Amy Bois: We have the facility for free, instructor is free-Sandy Libel, and there are 32 bikes. Start time of 7:15 sharp with a 45 minutes class. Drinks and appetizers after. We collect money at the door-cash, check, and bikes can be reserved. There will be a waitlist in case someone cancels. We will end out an email to staff and hang a hand out.

Month of Giving-Amy Bois Communication will be through Facebook(make sure to share and comment), email, and flyers. Highlight a monthly donation on flyer. Can we have a visual to show our gains? What's the goal? We raised \$2360 last year. Aside from Month of Giving can we create a postcard that has our information, GPO website, where to donate to hand out to new people? Jen Walsh will create that.

Reading Carnival Lead-Oxana is looking for a new chair. She will be on the committee but not the lead and the committee from last year will help out as needed. Fifth grade will not participate. Budget is roughly \$2250, but is projected to be \$2500(last year we had a lot of donations and were able to keep the cost down). This may not be enough with the rising population. Reading starts after February break. Need to keep track of how many minutes read. They will earn an incentive based on how much they read. Incentives different each year. We have people that want to join who could take it over next year. Oxana will create an email and send to her committee and Molly will send it out to others. If we don't get a Chair, ask the 1st-4th classroom teachers to send out a class email asking for help. Is there a business that would sponsor this?

Boxtops-announcement going out last week of January. Starts February 1st. Check was received \$1722.00.

Book Fairs-April 10-17. New Contact Joe Jusinto. We will need a lot of volunteers especially on the night of talent show. We will promote the online piece as well. Stephanie Fava, Erin Avery and Amy Bois will be running it. Patty Porter helps out. What are some other ways to make more money with the Book Fair. How can we get the middle school to buy items? Talent Show 12th, Spring Concert is 16th. Make sure we are open for those two nights. Children will make a wishlists in Media and they can bring money on their specified day. Make teachers wishlists more accessible. Make parents aware big companies may match an employees donation. Tractor supply Company is a company that wants to get into our community. Amy will go to them and discuss with any donations/matching. Jen will try to find language for matching. Stephanie needs donation letter.

GPO Scholarship-Sarah has completed this and sent it to the public highschool, St. Thomas, and Berwick. Carla will determine if there is another school we need to send it to. Sarah will join the committee with Amy Bois and Jessica Kellogg. Gap year was not included in this at this time. Still needs to be worded properly. Will put "accepted and attending following fall semester" to help clarify a Gap year.

Financial Report-Jen

No changes

No Small grants-we ask the staff to first ask before they buy what they need. They may not be reimbursed for what they buy. Let's have the small grants paperwork in the Welcome Wagon for Teachers.

Sue Bacon-Voted through to order books for \$500. She has a balance of \$2320.22 She will be sending us a quarterly report.

Media/Marketing-Amy

Follow Up on Action Items-

Amazon Smile is ready to be used. **You must be on smile.amazon.com** to make it work. Search Greenland Parent Organization.

Chairs from Jen Walsh. Tamara said we can take the office chairs. We need someone to pick them up. Jen Walsh said you can come to her office and pick one up.

Parent/Social:March Jen Walsh and Stephanie Fava-Looking into Tuscan Kitchen, Creating a committee and organizing a meeting. Fundraising options-silent auction(online?),VIP parking for events, Front Row seats for event, artwork(Sarah will talk to art teacher and parents who are artists),wine pull-get a ticket, pull a wrapped wine bottle(Stephanie and Jen Cook will try to get wine and parents can donate bottles), beer cart with different things from all the breweries, 50/50 raffle. Once venue is figured out, we need to market and get the button for payment.

