

September 3, 2020

Meeting Start: 6:00 pm

May minutes were approved. Jennifer Catolane motioned and Aimee seconded. All approved.

In attendance: Aimee Magovern; President, Dana Pustinger; Vice President, Jennifer Catolane; Treasurer, Linda Curtiss; Secretary, Jennifer Thomas, Jennifer Hibbins Salzano, Megan Smigel, Lisa LaGrant, Leah Chaffee.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

- Back to School: Megan Smigel made gifts for the teachers consisting of personalized reusable tumblers, holding a bottle of hand sanitizer, water enhancer and a chocolate bar. Jenn and Dana put together packages for each student consisting of a mask, safety lanyard, name tag, and a laundry bag to wash them in.
- Sidewalk chalking: plan to do Wednesday, the day before school starts, at 4:30. Dana will pick up coffee and creamers, and Aimee will bring in pastries to put in the staff lounge for teachers' first day.
- Membership forms: Aimee will send out an email with membership forms.

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

- Teacher Supply Gift: We gave Pre K through sixth grade teachers and special teachers (music, art, computers and PE), \$200 each to help out with extra school supplies they might need this year. We gave Mrs. Decker, Ms. Digrigoli, Ms. Hastings and Mrs. Canon \$100 for extra supplies. Ms. Bliven wasn't sure if they will be having the library open this year, so we will wait on giving her funds for extras.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

- Financial update: We have approximately \$22,000 in the bank, about \$11,000 is designated for classrooms and teachers, therefore about \$11,000 is available for our spending. We have paid out teacher reimbursements and for most of the back to school supplies for the gifts we have given out.
- Reward Programs: Amazon Smile only has 30 supporters from our school right now. Jenn put it out on Facebook to try to get more supporters. Stop n Shop is still doing rewards, but Price Chopper is not. Mrs. Flower has updated the website with all the rewards programs available. Shop with Script has not really taken off yet. The gift cards for that can all be done on the phone and we will get a percentage of that. They do charge a shipping charge if we get actual gift cards, but not if you use the Ecard.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Usborne on-line book fair: Meaghan is a seller of Usborne books. She could help us do an online book fair. It wouldn't be a fundraiser.
- Fundraising ideas and Cash Calendar: We need to check to make sure Dawn will still lead the cash calendar. We will start by seeing how many sponsors we can get given the state of the economy.
- Wreath Fundraiser: Linda reached out to Vanessa about making wreaths for us to sell. Vanessa said she loved the idea and she will get back to us. She also reached out to Bruce at the hardware store, but hasn't heard back from him. We'll wait to hear back from Vanessa before reaching out to other farms and businesses.
- Genevieve online fundraiser: One of our most profitable fundraisers. Dana will check to see if we can hold it with online sales.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Holiday Shop this year: We would need to have more days to be open and need more volunteers so that we could limit the number of shoppers at a time. We need to check with Tom to see if we will be allowed.

- Program Ideas for students in school and at home: We can't have Family Fun Night or Back to School night so Jennifer Catolane has looked into ideas for programs we could do but hasn't found anything yet. Jenn Thomas suggested all the students write about what they have learned from this experience and send it in and we could post their writings on the website or Facebook page. Megan Smigel suggested a Zoom family game night; Jenn Catolane suggested Bingo and Dana suggested a trivia night. We could try to plan to do it in October with an assigned host.
- Halloween Trunk or Treat – PTA in combo with Police Dept. and Recreation Dept.: How many cars would we need to represent the PTA? It needs to be Okayed with the selectman. We could have cars park from the Town Hall to the Library Green, and possibly over in the old hardware store parking lot and possibly at the diner.
- Cultural Diversity Awareness (Leah Chaffee): Leah is planning to apply for a grant to raise awareness about diversity, race and other differences. She talked to the Otis Cultural Counsel; they recommended talking to the school about getting multicultural materials. Teresa suggested she talk to the PTA about an assembly. She was hoping to be able to get posters and art supplies for the school. Aimee suggested she talk to Terri Digrigoli about including this topic in her curriculum. We can look into programs or presentations that are out there on diversity and inclusion and celebrating differences. There is a parent council that is supposed to meet with Mr. Nadolny once a month that might be a good place to start. We can help with funding, but as far as curriculum, it needs to go through the school. We will look into organizations and programs that could help in this area.

**Next meeting:** October 1, 2020

**Meeting adjourned:** 7:25 pm. Dana motioned, Jen seconded.