Staton Elementary PTO

Meeting Minutes – March 8th, 2019

**Meeting called to order at 8:48 am by Leigh-Anne Mateyka**

**Members and attendees present:**

Glenda Ninkovich

Stephanie Uricchio

Sheila Nikiforova

Amanda Marcuccio

Jolene DiMaria, Hop n Pop

Kristina Havill, Hop n Pop

Yari Kartzmark, Treasurer

Amanda Galindo, Membership

Emily Nelson, Hospitality

Anne Tanaka, Membership/Parliamentarian

Gabriela Huerta

Gina Retke, Art

Leigh-Anne Mateyka, President

**Business**

**Leigh-Anne Mateyka – President’s Report**

* Vote to approve minutes from the February 8th, 2019 meeting. Anne Tanaka made a motion to approve the minutes, motion was seconded by Amanda Gailndo, motion passed and minutes were approved.
* Thank you to Hop n Pop, Kristina Havill and Jolene DiMaria.
* Math night went well. 55 kids and families attended, which was a bigger attendance than last year. Jason’s deli was there and families picnicked, which is a possible idea for Picnic in the Park.
* 1st day school supply lists have been sent off for next year. We may possibly want to vote on charging a little more for the boxes so that it can be more of a fundraiser. We’re hoping to get over 100 this year, we got 90 orders last year.
* Leigh-Anne has started contacting people regarding positions for next year. If anyone is interested in a board position, they are all open for election. We need an assistant treasurer and parliamentarian. Rebecca Gates is willing to come back next year as treasurer. If you are interested in any positions, please reach out to Leigh-Anne.

**Kristina Havill and Jolene DiMaria**

* Thank you to Suzie Minetree for making the decorations and Gina Retke for the balloons.
* $105 was spent on popscicles, no money was spent on decorations. The teachers had some superhero decoratons that were used. Whoever does Hop n pop next year should keep in mind they should ask teachers for any extra decorations.
* 1387 books were collected this year, 1260 book were collected last year.
* Thanks for the volunteers and parents who came and helped out.
* Jolene found some sugar free popscicles at Walmart. 774 popsicles were handed out.

**Budget – Leigh-Anne Mateyka went over because Yari had to step out**

* We have raised more money than budgeted so far! We’re at $73,640.99 and the budget is $59,659.00 to this point. Membership, Picnic in the park, Trunk or Treat, the holiday store, Apex and Pioneer nights have all brought in more than expected. Raffle sales were a little low and box tops are lower than expected. Box tops is trending lower due to less box tops on items and people possibly eating healthier and less packaged foods. Note to bring budget down on box tops next year to reflect these changes.
* Leigh-Anne, Laurie and Gina are in the process of contacting repeat donors for next year. Leigh-Anne has followed up with Windsong and is waiting to hear back.
* There was a vote to add a line to the holiday store budget. Kristy Froelich has been fronting all holiday store spending. This line item would enable us to reimburse her as items are purchased instead of her having to carry the expense until the following year. The vote was to add $3,000 reserve for holiday store purchases. A motion was made by Gina Retke, seconded by Anne Tanaka, all were in favor, the motion passed.

**Spring Event**

* The Spring Event will be Friday, April 5th from 5:00 pm until 7:30 pm.
* Volunteers are needed for setup the day of from 1:30 pm – 3:15 pm and from 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm. A signup sheet was passed around and an email is to follow.
* About 20 high school volunteers needed as well as Palo football players needed to watch over baskets.

**Anne Tananka – Voting Committee**

* Voting for PTO board positions will take place in April.
* Two volunteers are needed to be on the voting committee with Anne Tanaka. Amanda Galindo and Sheila Nikiforova volunteered to be on the committee. Gina Retke made a motion to nominate Amanda Galindo and Sheila Nikiforova to the nominating committee, motion was seconded, all in favor, the motion passed.

**Garden**

* Yari and Shannon (parent farmers) have been in the garden a lot teaching lessons. It will change next year so the parent farmers will not have to spend as many hours out there.
* Next year it will be run more like other schools. Each class will have a 30 minute Tuesday garden class with Greener Planter twice a year (one In the fall, one in the spring).
* Vegetable of the month will stay.
* Each grade level will be assigned to a bed in the garden so they have ownership of that bed.
* Teachers are passionate about the garden and they are using it. The goal is for every kid to see the garden!

**Pioneer Nights – Gina Retke**

* Next week Wednesday is Islands Pioneer Night. There was a discussion about promoting the event only electronically in an effort to try and get away from extra flyers. A few points on this discussion:
  + Jr & Sr High schools only use electronic communications so it would be a good way to get prepared for that.
  + Possibility of PTO using only the Remind app next year for communications.
  + It would be nice if the whole school was on the same communications app (Remind, Dojo, Blooms, Signup, etc). That is something that has to come from administration down though.
* There are two Pioneer nights coming up that have not been scheduled yet.
  + Café Rio, Panera Bread, Jason’s Deli were all ideas brought up.
  + Jason’s Deli was a favorite because they’ve been reaching out to be more involved with the school. Possible date is April 25th.
  + A discussion was had about last day of school ideas. Menchies like previous years, something at Tree Top Park or a Skate Night were all ideas mentioned. Tree Top park probably wouldn’t work because of the 5th grade event they have there the last day of school.

**Art to Remember – Gina Retke**

* Order forms for Art to Remember are coming soon! They should be out two weeks before the spring event. We will have an extra week to order this year.
* We didn’t want it to overlap with the spring event but wanted to be able to order stuff in time for Mother’s Day.
* The deadline for orders is April 2nd unless the forms haven’t printed yet, then it will be changed to March 27th.

**Other topics and discussions**

* Parents night out is Friday, March 15th from 5pm-8pm. It is $20/child or $40/family.
* March 22nd is supposed to be a day off, but they’re voting on the 14th to possibly use this day as the snow makeup day.
* Career Day is March 29th
* Leigh-Anne is working on getting Chance from the Golden Knights to come to Staton. A few days were discussed to try and get him: Spring Event from 5-6 or just on the playground one day so all the kids could see him.

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:55 am**