

Meeting Date Tuesday Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>

Call to Order: 7:05pm

**Executive Officers in Attendance:**

Kacie Doyle-Teacher Rep

Jennifer Scheidler-Teacher Rep

Michelle Boyd-Admin Rep

Beth Becker-Treasurer

Amanda Domogalik-PR Rep

Hether Driggers-PT Liaison

Sharon Ely-VP

Kathie Van Gheem-President

**Executive members absent:**

Paula Beals – Past President

Janice Sanders – Auction Chair

Scott Storms – Gifts and Grants Committee Chair

Kim Anderson – Secretary

**Parents Present:** Amy Recker, Alyssa Preddie-Allen, Anne Shea, Jerlyn Rogers – Martin, Gary Suita, Regina Sears, Mary Fenchak, Yvonne Chitekwe, Sara Dunn

***President Remarks:***

- Our new updated by-laws will be backpacked mailed to core members soon.
- Please begin to copy Sharon Ely on any PTO emails due to Kathie's baby coming soon.

***Old Business***

1. Dream for the Future Grants: Kathie Van Gheem (Scott absent)

- Our recent dress down day raised \$350 for Dream for the Future Grants.

- We also briefly spoke about trying to fund more field trips via the grants – we will revisit this later.

- The Grant Committee will be meeting on Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> so any new proposals need to be submitted soon; parents can also submit proposals for teachers if they see a need.

## 2. High School Information Night Recap: Kathie Van Gheem (Amy Magan absent)

- We had 9 schools represented; but only 20 people total attended the event.

- It seems as if many 8<sup>th</sup> graders have already decided on a high school, so many 7<sup>th</sup> graders were there-we talked about opening it up to 6<sup>th</sup> graders and parents as well.

## ***New Business***

### 1. Treasurer's Report-Beth Becker

- We added \$390 for Dream for the Future Grants from October dress down day to our account.

- We have auction bills already coming in and being paid.

- PTO funded the school directory.

### 2. Teacher Conference Dinners- Hether Driggers, Oct. 26th

- Hether plans on sending out emails beginning next week requesting donations of food and volunteers.

- She will need to plan on about 75 teachers/staff to feed.

### 3. Long Term Planning – Kathie Van Gheem

- Garage Sale:

- Kathie would like to change the date for next year-likely will be held in April-9<sup>th</sup>.

- We can get the gym for Friday and Saturday on 4/8 and 4/9.

- Anne Shea has volunteered to chair garage sale again-yeah!!!

- The change of date would keep all PTO events within the school year calendar.

·Kathie made a motion to have the garage sale on April 9<sup>th</sup> and Sharon seconded it-all in favor-approved.

·We also will only have drop off for items on Friday.

•Plant Sale:

·We have three individuals who are willing to help with sale already.

#### 4. Volunteer Needs:

·Please continue to publish your needs with Amanda or school office.

### **Updates:**

#### 1. Monster Mash:

·Jennifer Scheidler says things are going well – there will be music and bounce houses; pumpkin decorating and maybe a haunted house.

·There will be separate areas for younger kids and older kids, along with hotdogs, chips, juice, chili, cotton candy.

#### 2. Room Parents:

·There is not a room parent for 8<sup>th</sup> grade per Hether.

#### 3. Auction/Class Baskets:

·We will continue with simpler form this year like last year.

·We will be encouraging cash, gift cards, experiences.

·Ms. Sears suggested that it would be nice to have the basket theme before “Black Friday” for shopping purposes-Kathie will bring this before the auction committee.

#### 4. Additional Fundraisers:

·Ms. Sears wondered what the ‘box tops’ collected went towards and if it could be published somewhere.

#### 5. Friends of the Library Discussion:

·The response has been great-26 or so volunteers on a regular basis coming into the library; there have been a few computer glitches.

#### 6. Green Space Committee:

·The space by the gym is in need of development.

·They are hoping to have four quadrants in the space with benches, butterfly gardens, greenhouse, spiritual walk, etc.

·The committee is open to everyone who wants to help since the space will be utilized by many groups.

·The next meeting will be on Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> 6pm-8pm

-They are looking at grant options to fund this space and help with maintenance costs.

#### ***Good of the Cause:***

- Kathie nominated Amy Magan for her great work on High School Information Night
- Sharon nominated Kathie for her good work and finding chairs for every event already

***Adjourn/Closing Prayer:*** 7:55 pm prayer led by Kathie

***Next Meeting:*** Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in Room 25