

Hancock Elementary PTF general meeting
February 16, 2021
Zoom

Called to order: 4:02 pm

Present: Nicole Birthelmer, Sara Davis, Laurie Bergener, Maribel White, Amy Bull, Lisa Hess, Laurie Beeler, Nicole Hallaran, Lynette Rodenbaugh, Irene Hightower

Nicole Birthelmer opened the meeting and shared the basic information for how the Art to Remember fundraiser would work this year. A live Zoom Q & A will be held on a Monday at 2:30 pm (date TBD) for the purpose of introducing the art teacher to the newest students who have never met her before and discussing the projects for the fundraiser, as well as answering any questions students and parents might have. Students will be split into three groups based on grade, and each group will be doing a separate project for the fundraiser. Lynette Rodenbaugh, the art teacher, will be videoing her lessons, and teachers will be incorporating these into their distance learning plans.

Lynette was introduced. She provided some samples of the pieces she created for the lessons. The theme for all the groups will be hearts, with each lesson varying slightly in appearance and materials used. TK/K will need watercolors and colored markers or crayons. Grades 1-3 will need oil pastels, watercolors, and sharpies. Grades 4-5 will need chalk and black pastels. She will check what materials she already has available, and PTF will purchase any additional supplies needed. These will be distributed to the students either through teacher or separate distributions.

In addition to the three separate lessons for the Art to Remember fundraiser, Lynette will also be videoing lessons on the use of lines. There will be three separate videos, each corresponding to a different project for each grade grouping. For these six lessons, it was proposed she would be paid \$300, as well as \$50 for the live Zoom, bringing the total to \$350. This was agreed by unanimous vote. Any supplies she needs will be paid for by the PTF and not her paycheck.

Nicole Birthelmer shared the Treasurer's Report. The current balance is \$36,849.93. \$564.30 of that is unspent Box Tops money and \$8,795.28 is the Garden fund.

Tax information for Kristina Huvar has been sent off.

Laurie Beeler spoke about the Eagle Challenge. The challenge ended on February 11, and the school raised \$25,877. There was a significant drop in the number of students registered, as well as the number of students who actually raised funds. However, this means that this smaller number of students raised proportionally more money this year. There were a few top earners that far exceeded normal fundraising. As such, Laurie would like to award a few additional prizes to those

students/families who went above and beyond. The PTF had originally allocated 10 Disney tickets to be given as prizes for the fundraiser. Additionally, she asked for us to give her 12 Disney tickets, pending discussions with the families of the top earning students.

Maribel White spoke about fundraisers. A Krispy Kreme fundraiser is slated for April. Orders will be collected April 1-15, with donuts being distributed on April 24. May's fundraiser will be the CSA produce boxes from Yasukochi Farms. Order collection will take place May 1-15, and produce boxes will be delivered May 22.

Nicole Birthelmer talked about signs for 5th grade promotion. There will be a competition to design the yard flag for 5th grade students who will be promoting. Any 5th grader can submit a design, which will then be voted on. The winner's design will be used for all the signs. Nicole has figured out how to make these, which will be much more cost effective than the signs we ordered last year. PTF will pay for the supplies. Matching shirts can also be purchased.

In honor of Read Across America (Dr. Seuss' celebration), we will be hosting a virtual Spirit Week. There are a large number of extra books from previous distributions, so PTF will hand those out as well in conjunction with the event.

Farmer Kristina will be doing a number of upcoming seed distributions. The first one will be February 19, and she will be distributing sugar snap peas. She has plans to distribute sunflower seeds in advance of Mother's Day, as well as seeds for tomatoes which can be made into salsa for Father's Day.

Nicole Birthelmer will be moving after the end of this school year, and therefore will be giving up her position as President. Cherrell will also be giving up her position as Treasurer. Elections will be planned to replace them.

The next meeting is set for March 16, 2021 at 4:00 pm.

Meeting concluded: 5:54 pm