

FRELINGHUYSEN TOWNSHIP PTO
Meeting Minutes
(Meeting was held via Google Meet)
January 16, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The Zoom meeting was called to order at 7:02pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

QUORUM CHECK OF EXECUTIVE BOARD

Nicole Wladich - present
Cynthia Mardin - present
Louise Neate - present
Kristin Keesser - present
Tammy Arfken - present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1st Motion: Cynthia Mardin 2nd Motion: Marguerite Mulcahy

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

1st Motion: Tammy Arfken 2nd Motion: Cynthia Mardin

CSA REPORT - None

FUNDRAISER / EVENT UPDATES

- **Spirit Wear** - Coor. Nicole Wladich. Ongoing. December commission \$2.80.
- **Box Top\$** - Coordinator is Tammy Arfken. Current total \$97.80.
- **Chess Club** - No new updates. Jen Fowles and Susan Chughatta are going to reach out to some community members to see if any retirees are interested in teaching Chess Club next year. If so it will then be discussed with Mrs. Veras.
- **Ski Club** - Chair Cynthia Mardin. First week went off great and the second week was a black out week. Cynthia spoke to Jamie of F&T Apparel about creating Frosty Mustang Gear for next year and it will be sold as part of Spirit Wear.
- **Winter Wonderland Tree Lighting** - Complete. Kristin to follow up with Eleni on submitting her expenses, who to write the check out to for the Fire Department donation, and if she is going to be writing a thank you card to the fire department.
- **Polar Express Winter Dance** - Complete. Total expenses still need to be tallied but are approximately \$445 and below budget. Feedback from the kids was

good. Recommendations for next year are more parental involvement as chaperones, event duration should decrease to approximately one hour, and we should have fewer activities.

- **Display My Art** - Coordinator Aimee Kronmiller. Students have started their projects and they are being worked on during Media.

UPCOMING EVENTS - ON THE PTO HORIZON

- **Krispy Kreme** - Date TBD - Chair Louise Neate. Considering March for this fundraiser.
- **Spring Book Fair** - 3/6/24 through 3/8/24. Chair Nicole Wladich and Co-Chairs Louise Neate and Tammy Arfken. Nicole will be confirming dates with Scholastic.
- **Book Bingo** - 3/6/24 or 3/7/24 - Chairs Tammy Arfken and Nicole Wladich. No new updates.
- **BOGO Book Fair** - 5/15/24 to 5/17/24. No new updates.
- **Egg Decorating Contest** - Chair Louise Neate. Louise is going to present ideas and approximate costs during our March meeting. We discussed having one winner per grade.
- **Spring Clubs** - Usually begin in March. Proposed clubs include Storytime Steam (Mulcahy/Guida), Lego Club (Pryor/Toronzi), Gardening (Mulcahy/Guida), and Crochet (Baird/Toronzi). We still need the details from Mrs. Veras and Carolyn, such as time and place for each, to create the registration forms. DJ Baird is considering holding crochet club with Mrs. Toronzi every other Monday and offering it to 4th through 6th graders with a starting date in March.
- **Beefsteak/Tricky Tray** - 5/4/24 - Chairs Cynthia Mardin and Kelly Corsi. Draft flyer created by Kristin and Cynthia. Nicole mentioned adding some pictures to it. Nicole and Tammy are going to handle receipt of the forms and payment. Nicole will fill in the form for the State licensing so Cynthia can sign it and drop it off at Andover Townhall. Cynthia stated she has about a dozen larger donations already. Nicole created last year's flyer and is going to send it to Cynthia and Kristin. We are only accepting cash and check for payment and are not going to offer PayPal.
- **Miner's Night** - Date TBD - Chair is Eleni Peterson. No new updates.
- **Graduation** - No new updates.
- **Ice Cream Truck** - Dates TBD - Tammy to send an email to Mrs. Veras about dates for school testing in Spring. Considering doing ice cream truck end of the year and after school testing.
- **Gertrude Hawk** - 1/29/24 - Chair Anthony Alleyne. Anthony will send an email to Sharon to get a status update.
- **Teacher Appreciation Week** - 5/6/24 through 5/10/24 - Chairs Cynthia Mardin and Louise Neate. No new updates.
- **Mother's Day Plant Sale** - 5/10/24 - Chair Raelyn Kempinski - No new updates.

- **Field Day** - Date TBD - Nicole to speak with Mrs. Veras about shirts and lunches.

BUSINESS

- **Acme Give Back** - Still waiting on check. Nicole is going to email them.
- **Basketball Backboard** - Insurance company has given written approval for parents to handle the installation and the bracket was delivered. It will be Mike Keesser, Justin Stanley, Anthony Alleyne and Erik Arfken. Tentative date for installation is mid-March.
- **Membership Enrollment** - Ongoing enrollment. No new members.
- **Auditing Committee/Taxes** - Crea Mallory and DJ Baird are done with the audit but they still need to sign it. Susan asked about PTO using PayPal or Venmo and we discussed that we don't prefer using them because of the fees involved.
- **Online Apps** - No update on Generation Genius usage except we heard some classes have been using it. We will follow up with Mrs. Toronzi.
- **2023-2024 Assemblies** -
 - **Mad Science** - Completed. Good feedback from students.
 - **NJ Snakeman** - Coordinator Louise Neate. Going to schedule for March/April.
 - **Imperfect Phil** - 2/22/24 - Coordinator Ruth Toronzi.
- **Drama Club/School Play Proposal** - No new updates. Kristin is still waiting for Greg Brennan to call her back to let her know who to make the check out for expense reimbursement.

CORRESPONDENCE - None

OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION

- Bronze Award Presentation by Troop #97721 requested the use of Community Grant Money to help fund their service project to create Four Square Boards and Hop Scotch on the school grounds for all to use. Unanimous vote by all members in attendance to give the Community Grant money in the amount of \$250 to the troop. Nicole requested Susan email Mrs. Veras and ask her to include this in the monthly newsletter. Kristin to write a check out to Troop #97721 and in the memo reference 'Bronze Award'.
- Nicole mentioned two year terms are up for 1st Vice President and Secretary this year and in February we need to start nominating people for the positions and preparing the form for voting.

ADJOURNMENT - Meeting was adjourned at 8:06pm.

IN ATTENDANCE : Anthony Alleyne, Marguerite Mulcahy, Jamie Alleyne, Susan Chughatta, DJ Baird, Aimee Kronmiller, and Katherine Katkostovski.

Respectfully submitted by: Tammy Arfken, Secretary

****NEXT PTO MEETING VIA GOOGLE MEET - 02/13/24 @ 7pm**