

Meeting Minutes (zoom)
FRELINGHUYSEN TOWNSHIP PTO
March 8, 2022

• **CALL TO ORDER**

The Zoom meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm.

• **QUORUM CHECK OF EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Nicole Wladich - present
Abbi Gurba- present
Anthony Alleyne- present
Aimée Kronmiller - present
Michele Lohman – present

• **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1st Motion: Nicole Wladich 2nd Motion: Michele Lohman

• **APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S REPORT**

1st Motion: Nicole Wladich 2nd Motion: Aimée Kronmiller

• **CSA REPORT** – The school is starting the process of getting back to “pre-Covid” normal. Parents will again be permitted to volunteer in the building with proof of vaccine or a negative Covid-19 test result. We are waiting to hear if this includes Field Day.

• **FUNDRAISER UPDATES/COMMITTEE EVENT UPDATES**

Spirit Wear- Chair Lenore Hicok – We have decided to no longer use Expressive Stitches. We will try Spiritwear.com for our sale for three weeks in April (instead of the usual May timeframe).

Gertrude Hawk- Chair- Anthony Alleyne- Orders were submitted to Gertrude Hawk for a total of \$5438 with online sales as of March 8. We will be receiving 43% profit, so our current profit will be about \$2452.

Book Fair- Chairs Lisa Naomi, Lori Naomi, and Eleni Peterson - The Book Fair will be held from March 14- 16. Parent volunteers are signed up through Signup Genius. Nicole will show volunteers how to use Scholastic Dollars for purchases at the Fair.

• **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Spring Clubs – Three of the four spring clubs are no longer accepting registrations. The only club still open is ukulele club, with tomorrow the deadline. A few registrations had to be returned due to full enrollments.

Spelling Bee - Mrs. Puzio is running the spelling bee this year. We will donate Scholastic Dollar Gift Certificates to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in each grade.

Read-a-thon – We are waiting for members to spearhead this. We would possibly make this an activity for over spring break in collaboration with 6th grade. Deanna will ask the 6th grade parents if they are interested.

Teacher Appreciation- Cynthia Mardin volunteered to chair this event with the help of Tammy Arfken.

Plant Sale – chair Raelyn Kempinski – The plant sale will be Friday, May 6. Order forms had to be updated because the prices of plants have gone up. Raelyn will send out the order forms through the school this week, and they will need to be returned by April 8. Raelyn will ask Mrs. Bonaparte about parent volunteers.

Color Run – chair – Abbi Gurba, Jamie Alleyne, and Angela Marziar- The company Schoolathon handles website, money, packets, and color dust (basically all administrative jobs) for the Color Run. Parents would be able to buy special color run shirts for the kids when they register for the race. Jamie will volunteer the “spine” for a balloon arch, Abbi will bring music and speakers. We would need to figure out water distribution. No money is needed upfront. If we make \$7,500 or less, the company would take 50%. If we make between \$7,500-12,499 we would make 60% on the race. And if the total is over \$12,500 we would keep 70%. Abbi will talk to Mrs. Bonaparte about insurance. We could possibly coordinate with the Founders Day Committee to hold concurrently.

Field Day - As per Mrs. Bonaparte, all normal school activities are planned for the end of the year. Field Day is scheduled for Friday, June 3, with a rain date of June 10. Mr. V will send out sign-ups for parent volunteers. Nicole would like to rent the Kona Ice Truck, in lieu of the PTO providing field day lunch (as lunch is still free for all students). The Kona Ice Truck offers 9 oz cups for \$800 for one hour. Lenore will coordinate Field Day shirts.

School Dance - Chair Deanna Soldano- We could possibly offer this with the 6th grade booster club. It would be offered for grades 4-6.

Paint Fundraiser – Will be canceled for this year due to lack of time.

Miners Game – We need a chair.

Display My Art – chair Shannon Maza – Mrs. Smith will be starting this with the students soon. Hopefully art packets will be sent home in April.

• BUSINESS

Board Nominations Committee- Angela Marziar, Cynthia Mardin, and Kristel Caffrey have all accepted nominations for the Vice President position. Tammy Arfken has accepted the nomination for the Secretary position. Ballots will be going out to the members for voting. Winners will be announced and will be sworn in at the April meeting.

Microscope Donation Update- Eight new microscopes were purchased using the funds from the PTO donation.

Box Tops- Chair Barbara Butrymowicz- 79 traditional Box Tops were clipped and sent in for a total of \$7.90.

Graduation- The PTO will order caps and tassels for the 6th grade and kindergarten graduating students. June 15 is the tentative graduation date.

- **CORRESPONDENCE** – We received a card from Mrs. Toronzi, thanking us for the popcorn on Valentine’s Day.

- **OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION-** Cynthia Mardin has 100 pods of milkweeds that she would like to donate. 40 of these could be used for Teacher Appreciation Week. She will contact Mrs. Mulcahy and Miss Allen of Garden Club to see if they have use for them.

- **ADJOURNMENT** - Meeting was adjourned at 8:21 pm.

- **IN ATTENDANCE** : Raelyn Kempinski, Shannon Maza, Jamie Alleyne, Kristel Caffrey, Chiara Brown, Angela Marziaz, Cynthia Mardin, Deanna Soldano, and Tammy Arfken

Respectfully submitted by: Aimée Kronmiller, Secretary