



Board Members present: Molly Haworth, Charlotte Vrba, Deb Rempert, Dawn Scheck, Marcie Mefford, Nancy Kerr, Jan Wright, Sue Sokolinski, Deb Nielsen

Board Members absent: Kim Ambrose, Somya Bergman Laura Milhousen,

PTO members: Nata-Leigh Preas

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm.

Secretary-D.Scheck

- Nancy Kerr motioned for the November board meeting minutes to be approved. Deb seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Ways & Means-D.Rempert via M.Haworth

- BoxTops: Barrie McClain will be doing BoxTops next school year.
- Dine Around: we made around \$108 from Fresh Delite and \$259 from California Pizza Kitchen. Some thought we should focus on one while others liked the variety.
- Barnes & Noble book fair: as of 8:30 pm that night, profit to us was \$900
 - Barnes and Noble wanted to know if we might consider coming back in May prior to Mothers' Day perhaps.
 - They have a reading program like the library
 - The fair cost the PTO \$40 in gift cards.
 - Some of the negative feedback included being too crowded and busy.
- Cougars Night
 - Price for tickets are \$2/ticket instead of \$5.
 - Currently it is scheduled for August 19 but will have to be changed, as this is the first day of school for 2014. This may affect the ticket price.
- Skate Night
 - It is being checked into by Julie Saloga
 - She is going to try and co-ordinate with Mr. Parks and tie into the March Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports (PBIS).
- Five Below
 - The event has currently generated \$23.56.
 - The event has one more weekend, December 13-15.
- FunFair
 - We have a commercial created by Dawn Hartman.
 - The committee will discuss a multi-child discount
 - Sherrie Albert is going crazy on raffles. She has sent out over 347 letters for ski places and has been promises of bicycles.
 - The committee would like to borrow six school iPads for the credit card charging device.
 - Sign-Up Genius is being set up for volunteers for both parents/guardians and teachers.



- New Idea: Trivia Night presented by Nata-Leigh Preas
 - Tri-City Family Services (TCFS) conducts a trivia night three times a year.
 - The winner hosts the next event.
 - It's held at the Moose Lodge
 - Entry fee is \$10
 - A 50/50 raffle is held
 - \$10 Mulligans can be purchased. This is a pass if your team gets a wrong answer
 - Raffle tickets are sold for door prizes
 - \$2 games per night
 - Not sure if or what the charge/rental fee for the Moose Lodge is.
 - This would be an event AGS could do and would be an adult only event.
 - Other couples from Nata-Leigh's team would be willing to help
 - We would need help with the technology side
 - It's recommended to have 4-6 people/team
 - We would need to allocate someone for expense
 - Nata-Leigh is going to check available dates with the Moose Lodge.

Treasurer-C.Vrba

- We reviewed the latest report
 - Movie Night: \$31 which is low due to paying for the movie license
 - Fall pictures: \$1400

1st VP- K.Ambrose

No report

2nd VP-S.Bergman

- December 19th is the deadline for special appropriations
- Currently, there are 2. One for more soccer balls and one for more sleds.

President-M.Haworth

- The next BIC (Batavia Inter-school Council) meeting is January 11, 2014

Principal-J.Wright

- Early Childhood Program donations will be given from other school PTO's. We received a \$50 and \$60 donation so far. A representative from the school board will be giving \$300. We have not received any donations from the other PTO's as of today.
- WATCHDOGS
 - Brian Nallenweg is willing to be the Top Dog and start the program and then Jeff Henderson will take over in the new school year.
 - The start up kit has been ordered and has arrived. It cost \$350.
 - The launch will be Thursday, January 23, 2014 with pizza.



- Perhaps Special Appropriations can be put towards the cost of the start up kit and pizza.
- Dads and children invited to the launch
- After pizza, the dads will go to a classroom to learn about the program while the children do activities in the multipurpose room.
- 2-4 teachers will assist with the children.
- Actually participants will be involved in the classroom, recess, etc. . They will be given a map of the school and a stack of GUS tickets.
- Participants will require purchasing their own WATCHDOGS t-shirt.
- Bullying Prevention Program
 - The term 'bullying' seems to be overused and misunderstood. But disrespecting is occurring more often.
 - This program will begin in January.
 - This program will teach students how to respond to people who are bullying or disrespecting another person.
 - They will learn how to be game changers.
 - "Expect Respect" t-shirts will be given to teachers.
 - This is part of PBIS.
- Technology
 - \$20,000 has been approved for technology
 - We don't need any more mimeo equipment
 - We want to try and get a 2:1 ratio with iPads from K-2 and 1:1 ratio with Chromebooks from 3rd-5th.
 - 5th grade is doing amazing for instruction but the iPads are difficult to manage on a big scale.
 - In middle school, 6th graders are getting Chromebooks. They are easy to manage and do about the same as iPads. They are less expensive and have a better keyboard.
 - We could purchase as many as we can for 5th grade then to the 4th and 3rd grades until the 1:1 ratio is reached.
 - Chromebooks are about \$270 each.
 - 4th grade currently has Kindles and those would stay in place.
 - Wi-Fi at school needs to be boosted to handle devices.

Communications-M.Mefford

Continue to send things that you want sent out to AGS families and they will be posted on Facebook as they arrive. Student Council events can be posted as well.

Classroom Support-N.Kerr

- Winter parties will be on their way and will be December 20th from 2:45pm – 3:15pm.
- Teacher Appreciation week is May 5th-9th. We will plan teacher gifts and meals.

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Teacher Liaison-S.Sokolinski, D.Nielsen
No Report

Round Table

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dawn Scheck