

FRELINGHUYSEN TOWNSHIP PTO
Meeting Minutes
(Meeting was held via Google Meet)
February 13, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

QUORUM CHECK OF EXECUTIVE BOARD

Nicole Wladich - present

Cynthia Mardin - present (7:14pm arrival; trouble logging in)

Louise Neate - present

Kristin Keesser - present

Tammy Arfken - present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1st Motion: Nicole Wladich

2nd Motion: Louise Neate

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

1st Motion: Nicole Wladich

2nd Motion: Louise Neate

CSA REPORT

-Kids really enjoyed the science assembly on January 11th

-Imperfect Phil is set for February 22nd and they will be having three sessions

-Spring Clubs are set and good to go

-Spring pictures set for February 22nd as well

-6th grade field trip is the only one not scheduled to date. Waiting for the venue to open up registration. We used some money from the activity fund to offset costs

-Still working on testing dates probably start the first week in May and go through the next two weeks including any make ups. Mrs. Veras will get back to us with the exact dates so we can schedule the ice cream truck

FUNDRAISER / EVENT UPDATES

- **Spirit Wear** - Coor. Nicole Wladich. Ongoing. Did not receive January commission. Nicole to follow up with the vendor.

- **Box Top\$** - Coordinator is Tammy Arfken. Current total \$112.30.

- **Chess Club** - Ongoing. No new updates.

- **Ski Club** - Chair Cynthia Mardin. No new updates.

- **Winter Wonderland Tree Lighting** - Complete. Eleni submitted expenses in the amount of \$128.36, a thank you card and \$100 donation sent to the fire department, and the event came in under budget.

- **Polar Express Winter Dance** - Complete. Event came in under budget.

- **Display My Art** - Coordinator Aimee Kronmiller. Waiting for all the classes to finish their projects. Definitely need to start this project early again next year so students have enough time to finish.

UPCOMING EVENTS - ON THE PTO HORIZON

- **Krispy Kreme** - Week after the book fair order forms will be sent out and pick up is set for 04/19/24.
- **Spring Book Fair** - 3/6/24 through 3/8/24. Chair Nicole Wladich and Co-Chairs Louise Neate and Tammy Arfken. Dates confirmed with Scholastic and we decided not to hold late night parent shopping.
- **Book Bingo** - 3/6/24 or 3/7/24 - Chairs Tammy Arfken and Nicole Wladich. Still have to decide if we are holding this event.
- **BOGO Book Fair** - 5/15/24 to 5/17/24. No new updates.
- **Egg Decorating Contest** - Chair Louise Neate. No new updates.
- **Spring Clubs** - Registrations sent out. Current enrollment is 19 students for Lego Club, 17 students for Crochet Club, 15 students for Storytime/Steam, and 11 students for Garden Club. Clubs costing the PTO \$1,670.
- **Beefsteak/Tricky Tray** - 5/4/24 - Chairs Cynthia Mardin and Kelly Corsi. Cynthia and the donations committee are in full swing collecting donations. No ticket sales to date. Licenses are done and being sent over to the State and Andover Township. Cynthia is going to put out yard signs. Spoke to Mrs. Veras and we are going to put up a yard sign at the school. We just have to leave off the BYOB wording. Mrs. Veras offered to hold 'lunch with the principal' or 'principal for the day' as a donation for the beefsteak.
- **Miner's Night** - Date TBD - Chair is Eleni Peterson. No new updates.
- **Graduation** - No new updates.
- **Ice Cream Truck** - Dates TBD - End of the year date secured and waiting for testing dates from Mrs. Veras.
- **Gertrude Hawk** - 1/29/24 - Chair Anthony Alleyne. Currently waiting on orders to come in. Only two paper orders have been received so far. Next Tuesday Anthony will be picking up the orders. As of today no one checked the website to see if any online orders have been placed.
- **Teacher Appreciation Week** - 5/6/24 through 5/10/24 - Chairs Cynthia Mardin and Louise Neate. No new updates.
- **Mother's Day Plant Sale** - 5/9/24 - Chair Raelyn Kempinski - Raelyn requested to switch the date from May 10th to 9th. Carolyn is going to confirm.
- **Field Day** - Date TBD - No new updates.

BUSINESS

- **Acme Give Back** - Check in the amount of \$65 received and deposited.
- **Basketball Backboard** - We got approval from the school and insurance company and this will be scheduled on a Saturday some time in the Spring.
- **Fall Lifetouch Photos** - Have not gotten a check from the photo session. Mrs. Veras will look into this and get back to us.
- **Membership Enrollment** - Ongoing enrollment. No new members.

- **Auditing Committee/Taxes** - Crea Mallory and DJ Baird have yet to sign the books and taxes are done.
- **Generation Genius** - Good feedback from some students and teachers.
- **2023-2024 Assemblies** -
 - **NJ Snakeman** - Coordinator Louise Neate. Originally priced at approximately \$400 but now sitting at \$722 if we do two groups both an hour long session with birds and reptiles. The PTO is going to look at the budget and see if we have the funds. Put to vote and all were in favor of having this assembly and paying the additional money if the budget allows for same.
 - **Imperfect Phil** - 2/22/24 - Coordinator Ruth Toronzi.
- **Drama Club/School Play Proposal** - Nicole discussed the fact that Mrs. Thompson forgot to add money in the stipend to have an assistant. The cost would be approximately \$1000. Nicole asked Mrs. Veras if the school could help with this. Mrs. Thompson offered to use some of the money she is getting.
- **PTO Valentines Day Gifts** - Compiled by Tammy and dropped off to Mrs. Toronzi. She will assist in distributing them to the students. Expense approx. \$300.
- **Leap Day Gift** - Compiled by Nicole and ready to go out to all the students.

CORRESPONDENCE - None

OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION

- Nicole sent out a Google Form for PTO Board nomination requests and only one nomination has been received so far. She mentioned if these seats do not get filled then the PTO may be dissolving.
- Raelyn requested a photo of the PTO Executive Board for this year's yearbook. We will coordinate this.

ADJOURNMENT - Meeting was adjourned at 7:38pm.

IN ATTENDANCE : Anthony Alleyne, Mrs. Veras (7:05pm), Lisa Naomi (7:08pm), and Raelyn Kempinski (7:17pm)

Respectfully submitted by: Tammy Arfken, Secretary

****NEXT PTO MEETING VIA GOOGLE MEET - 03/12/24 @ 7pm**