

KETTLE LAKE PTO

Minutes

Meeting called to order by Erin Hedges, Treasurer

February 7, 2022

In person meeting and Zoom

Mission Statement:

It is the mission of the Kettle Lake PTO to support quality education for the children of Kettle Lake Elementary School.

In Attendance:

Megan Ballmer
Ginger Schmidt
Erin Hedges
Laura Durham
Jenna Hurless
Jenn LaPorte
Jenn Putnam
Holly Blough
Jen French
Amy Hoss

Amanda Rasche
Christy Morehouse
Jessica Wood
Niki Frontjes
Laura Pittman
Kelli Bonnell
Crystal Hurst
Nancy Dryburgh
Amanda Theisen

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the November 1, 2021 meeting were approved and are now on the KL website.

Updates from Mrs. Ballmer:

Mrs. Ballmer said the year is going well, no big updates. They're hoping to start having a few volunteers in to start and add from there.

She introduced the 2nd grade teachers. Mrs. Dryburgh shared the exciting ways they will be celebrating 2/22/22 in 2nd grade.

PTO Budget (Erin Hedges) :

The budget is looking good so far this year. Walk-a-Thon was a bit over budget; she's still collecting reimbursements for teacher supplies; Box-tops have earned \$74.70, with a goal of \$300.

We voted to give the Reading Committee \$1,000 extra to pay for t-shirts for all of the students to wear during Reading Month. The money was taken from the assembly fund since no assemblies are planned for the remainder of the year.

Committee Reports :

-Cougar Kids Care Club - Things are going well, they had about \$800 dollars to donate to Degage from their trinket sale. They are working with Erin to get the funds from the bank for that.

- TerraCycle - Jamie Ryder via email - Recycling is down from past years for a variety of reasons, she will continue to promote and collect what they can. She has not collected enough to send in a shipment yet.

-Coupon Books - Christy Morehouse - Coupon book sales went well, they are estimating that about \$2,400 was raised, but books are still being sorted and parents are being reminded to send in books that were not purchased.

- Book Fair - Leah Smith and Kelli Bonnell - They are planning on having the Book Fair March 15 and 17. Mrs. Ballmer said they can have 4 volunteers to help at this one. The fall Book Fair cost about \$1200, but they raised \$4,000 for the library.

- Spirit Wear Sale - Amanda Theisen - She is working on getting mock-ups for shirts and is getting close. She will have an order form ready soon for families to order.

- Reading Month Update - Laura Durham - Planning is going well, the theme is March Madness. Classes will read 4 books and vote on the winner, bracket style. The end of the month there will be a movie related to the winning book.

-Daddy/Daughter Dance - Neesa Ewing - No updates at this time. The dance is scheduled for May 6.

- Moms and Misters - We asked for volunteers for this committee (district wide). Niki Frontjes and Jenna Hurless volunteered. The event will be on 4/30.

- Teacher Appreciation - Jenn LaPorte - This month will be a supply refresh for the teachers, they got a lot of donations through the Amazon Wishlist. They will be meeting soon to plan Teacher Appreciation Week (May).

- Direct Your Dollars - Amanda Theisen - Things are going well, the school is close to getting \$1,000. Amanda continues to promote this on the FB site.

- Talent Show - Ginger Schmidt - Talent show will be on Friday, February 8 for 3rd and 4th Graders. There will be 12 acts in the show.

- Learning Garden - Still need help organizing and getting help. Erin was going to reach out to the Boy and Girl Scouts to see if they could do some of the work. Mrs. Carl is in charge, but needs assistance coordinating.

-Carnival/Family Fun Night - We had a big group of parents respond to help plan this event, projected for May (date TBA). Some ideas discussed were inflatables, yard games, outdoor movie, s'mores, playground, cake walk, tents, food trucks, balloon animal guy, basketball shootout, and face painting. They have a budget of \$5,500 with a goal of taking in \$10,000. Raffle baskets are typically a big part of the money raised, so this will be included as well. Niki Frontjes and Jenna Hurless volunteered to chair.

2022/2023 PTO Board Positions :

Kelli Bonnell volunteered to be secretary next year. A few parents said they would think about the co-president position.

To Do:

Get PTO shadows

Keep in contact with the Carnival/Family Fun committee to see what support they need.