

KETTLE LAKE PTO

Minutes

Meeting called to order by Laura Gifford, President

May 2, 2022

In person meeting

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:

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| Megan Ballmer | Laura Gifford |
| Ginger Schmidt | Amanda Rasche |
| Erin Hedges | Christy Morehouse |
| Laura Durham | Erin Hedges |
| Stephanie Shepard | Missy Visser |
| Niki Frontjes | Courtney Van Hagen |
| Jenn LaPorte | Cindy Keson |
| Amanda Theisen | Kelli Bonnell |
| Holly Blough | Amy Hoss |
| Jenn Putnam | Brittney Racinski |
| Carol Gray | Amy Tompkins |

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the March 2022 meeting were approved and are now on the KL website.

Updates from Mrs. Ballmer:

Mrs. Ballmer shared that all the staff are enjoying the beginning of Staff Appreciation Week. She is excited about events to come including field trips, field day, family fun night, and inviting volunteers into the classrooms.

She introduced the first grade teachers who mentioned that there students are currently working on Mother's Day projects and have been starting to use volunteers a little in the classroom.

PTO Budget (Erin Hedges) :

The budget is still looking very healthy. Erin is working on the money for the 4th grade celebration. She went over the numbers from walk-a-thon, field trips, concert busing. There won't be any playground maintenance this year, so that money will be rolled over. She will be working with Stephanie Shephard next year as a co-treasurer. They will also be working with Jenn Putnam to figure out taxes.

Committee Reports :

-Cougar Kids Care Club - Cindy Keson - They had a very successful year. They did 3 blood drives, with 70 donors in the first 2 drives. They raised \$900 plus donations of supplies in the fall for Mackenzie Animal Sanctuary. In December, they collected enough art supplies to make 100 totes for Ben's Big Art Box. In January they raised a little over \$700 for Degage and made 15-20 tie blankets. April has been their biggest month ever, with \$1,000 going to Be the Match.

5/4 will be the last meeting with ice cream and a parent kick ball game. They also have a field trip planned for 5/12 to Kids Food Basket, with 29 kids going.

Amy Hoss will be taking over CKCC in the fall.

- TerraCycle - No update at this time.

- Book Fair - Kelli Bonnell - The Book Fair made \$6,088 which means the library gets \$3,044.

-Daddy/Daughter Dance - Wrist bands are going home this week. Approximately 300 KL kids and parents will be there.

- Moms and Misters - Niki Frontjes and Jenna Hurless - 155 tickets were sold. Kids are encouraged to bring glow sticks. The dance is from 6-8, kids get a cup, treats, kona ice, glow stuff. Wrist bands are going home this week.

- Teacher Appreciation - Jenn LaPorte - Everything is planned and off to a great start. The committee is planning on using all \$1,000.

- Direct Your Dollars - Amanda Theisen - Amber is still collecting receipts and will save them for next year. She has some contests and incentives planned for next year.

- Family Fun Night - Niki Frontjes and Jenna Hurless - Things are coming together for a fun night. It will be on May 20 from 5:30 - 8. There will be the balloon man, face painting, cake walk, yard games, bounce house, VIP Parking, a shuttle. Wrist bands will be \$10/kid and \$15/kid at the door. There will also be concessions and a pizza food truck for sale. They are still looking for volunteers and will send out the link this week.

-4th Grade Send Off - Laura Gifford - This will be a celebration for the 4th graders. They will parade through school to the playground where parents are invited to join. There will be treats, a photo booth, a caricature man, a slide show and a kickball game between the teachers and students.

-Chuck E Cheese - Laura Gifford - This easy fundraiser made \$320 for the school. It was on a half day that was great so there was an option for lunch or dinner.

-Key Communicator - Mrs. Ballmer - This is a new position that Dr. Martin is creating for next year. This group will meet every month or so and talk about district wide issues. The group will then be able to report back to their home schools. 2 parents have volunteered with this so far.

2022/2023 PTO Board Positions :

Co-President - Christy Moorehouse will continue next year.

Co-VP - Holly Blough was voted in to be the co-vice president with Amanda Rasche.

Secretary - Kelli Bonnell was voted as the secretary.

Treasurer - Stephanie Shephard was voted as the co-treasurer with Erin Hedges

To Do:

Look ahead to the 2022-2023 school year to start planning events.