

## **Bellaire PTO Meeting**

### **December 2017 General Meeting Notes**

**Date, Time, Location:** December 12, 2017, 6:30 PM, in the art classroom

**Meeting called to order by:** Fern-Marie Dempsey

**Attendance:** Angie Lane, Katie Spencer, Fern-Marie Dempsey, Katie Bordner, Amanda Moore, Lisa Balog, Sally Lynn Kerstetter, Jaime Reiber, Katie Brenneman, Mallory Frank, Christine Weidner

#### **Principal's Report: (Jeff Bell absent)**

- MLK Commemoration Committee – Received letter regarding a contribution to the commemoration as in past years. Previous years included a \$25.00 donation for a half-page ad in the booklet. Discussed donations as a whole with PTO funds. Determined that while donations may need to be looked into as a budget, this was an important cause to continue. Amanda Moore motioned for \$25.00 half page ad, being sure to update the school information included with ad. Lisa Balog seconded motion. Unanimous vote

#### **Treasurer's Report**

- Reviewed report
- Questions regarding fundraising versus expenses. Determined roughly \$4,500 in fundraising so far. Last year's expenses roughly \$12,000.
- Question regarding the \$180 for running club. Katie Bordner and Amanda Moore to look into clarifying amount deposited/billed.

#### **Old Business**

- Holiday Shop – Appeared to run smoothly and with voluntary contributions of \$698.45 and expenses at \$682.75, the shop came in with a marginal profit. It was noted this was not intended to make money so we got as close to that \$0 mark as possible. Also noted that often we get a few more contributions throughout week. Finals can be given next month
- Holiday Party Planning – Reminders sent to get info to Ms Shoemaker about volunteers. Party at 12/22, at 2:00, with volunteers arriving NO earlier than 1:45. Everyone should have heard from the party lead, but reach out if they haven't.

#### **New Business**

- Field Trip Request: Dickinson Farm Request – Revote due to inaccurate information regarding the details of request. The Dickinson Farm is a separate entity from Dickinson College. Ms Frank reached out to them to provide the field trip services. They had indicated they will do for free, but request voluntary donation as they rely on that to fund farm. Farm completed a pre and post lesson, in addition to field trip to farm. Unknown if self-standing non-profit. Request is

asking for \$1 per student, for a \$67.00 payment from field trip request funding. Angie Lane motioned to make a \$67.00 payment to Dickinson Farm. Katie Bordner seconded. Member noted a review in future of field trip funding divisions among grades. With no other field trips being requested, and only a potential of one to use the \$12.00/student allowance given, Amanda Moore motioned that the Farm fee be bumped to a flat \$100 at 1.49/student, leaving an allowance of \$10.51 per student for a future field trip. Christine Weidner seconded motion. Unanimous decision.

- Reading Club by Mal Frank. Request of funds for a Girls Book Club. After school activity for about 45 minutes, with a maximum of 15 kids. Books will cover women as the lead. Considering book "I am Malala," or similar contextual books upon approval. Amanda Moore motioned to approve reading club for kids with funds of up to \$60 to be used for books pre-approved by school, only after attempt to purchase through scholastic credits. Lisa Balog seconded. Unanimous decision

**Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn at 7:29 by Amanda Moore, Christine Weidner seconded