



Defer Elementary PTO

Tuesday, January 10, 2023

Defer Elementary School

7:00 PM

In attendance: Christy Sherding, Steve Justin, JJ DeRosier, Erin Weakland, Dr. Rheume, Beth Lowe, Jane Nugent, Michael DeCenso, Anne Marie Miller, Catherine Gillman, Leah Tocco, Chris Pilsner

1. **Call to Order and Introductions** –Christy Sherding @7:05 PM, Defer PTO Mission Statement, reminder to vote you must be a PTO member. If you purchased a directory, you are a member of the PTO. Introductions around the table.
2. **Review of the Previous Minutes** – Erin Weakland makes a motion to pass November Meeting Minutes, JJ seconded. Motion passed.
3. **Treasurer's Report** – Stephen Justin - JJ DeRosier motions to approve Oct Budget, Beth Lowe seconded, motion passes
 - a. November Budget
 - i. Income - \$40,362.98 (Fun Run, Craft Fair, Progressive, Haunted Garage)
 - ii. Expenses - \$1,610.57
 - iii. Current balance - \$65k
 - b. December Budget
 - i. Review of income \$4,437.57 (Book Fair, Directory)
 - ii. Expenses - \$7,965.76
 - iii. Current balance - \$62k
4. **President's Report** – Christy Sherding – nothing report
5. **Vice President's Report** – Christy Sherding (on behalf of Sophan Buffa) – nothing to report
6. **Communications Report** – JJ DeRosier – Positive response to social media updates (Facebook, Instagram). If anything is needed to be posted or updated, please reach out to JJ. Feedback is appreciated.
7. **Committee Reports**
 - a. Haunted Garage – Erin Weakland – accounts finalized with Defer in December
 - b. Book Fair – Michelle Shalhoub - Record breaking sales \$10,640! The school has earned \$5,080. Funds were used to fulfill classroom wish lists (made by teachers) and Library additions at Defer. \$577 is left in our account. The next book fair will be March 20-24th.
 - c. Holiday Craft Fair – Christy Sherding – Very successful event. We had a full gym with a lot of different crafts offered. NJHS volunteers were a fantastic help for the event. It was also great to have the Book Fair open and available to everyone at the event. Thank you Christy for chairing the event!
 - d. Lunchtime Enrichment – Beth Lowe – Started this week (Jan 9th). Over 250 students participated into 14 different classes. So far, we've had positive feedback. Next year we will need help from another volunteer to help run Lunchtime Enrichment.
 - e. Spring Social – Lindy Holloway – Our outdoor event for the whole school is scheduled for May 18th. More information to come.
 - f. 4th Grade Promotion – Lindy Holloway – June 15th at 8:45 AM, estimate 85, 4th graders

8. Teachers Report – Jane Nugent and Michael DeCenso

- a. Scholastic Book Fair was incredible – thank you, thank you!
 - i. Thank you to the PTO for sponsoring gift cards for students that were not able to afford books on their own.
 - ii. Thank you for the additions to the Library for the Book Fair. Fulfilled key areas and students have noticed and are appreciative.
 - iii. JJ requested photos of books/students reading for social to promote.
- b. Leadership Loot cart – every Friday in December. Going forward it will be 1 Friday a month.
- c. Lunchtime Enrichment – students are SUPER excited about Lunchtime Enrichment. The diversity of classes offered is amazing (Japanese, Yoga, Sign language, STEM, etc.).

9. Principal's Report – Lisa Rheaume

- a. Lunchtime Enrichment is off to a great start
- b. Book Fair and Craft Fairs were a huge success
- c. Kindergarten Information Night is this Thursday
- d. Super excited about our assembly on Feb 3rd, Basketball Jones
- e. Communities United in Diversity Jan 19th
- f. International Festival at Pierce, Jan 19th
- g. Please don't hesitate to reach out directly with any questions/concerns.

10. Old Business

- a. Fun Run Highlights
 - i. All PTO Events Free of Charge. We are able to provide opportunities, events and items for the school directly from funds raised at the Fun Run.
- b. Jingle Bell Run - NA
- c. Amazon Smile and Kroger added to s'more – Reminder to link your accounts. More info on the weekly newsletter
- d. International Festival (1/19) – one last meeting next week if you want to participate. Please reach out to Renee Jakubowski.

11. New Business

- a. Next meeting, we'll use the Screen Share Program to project minutes and budget items on the Smart Board.
- b. Christy to reach out to Lauren Nowicki if we'll have another skate night.

12. Member Comment(s)

13. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM

Upcoming Meetings:

- Tuesday, 2/7/23, at 7:00 PM