

**GPO Meeting Notes
December 12, 2018**

Attendance: Tamara Hallee, Sarah Gott, JenWalsh, Lyn Leddy, Beth Vischer, Molly Patrick

Current Events:

- Original Works-Aimee Miller will give us final numbers in a couple of weeks. Late orders will be here before break. Great response with art teacher. Parents happy.
- Making Faces: Was a great success and thankful to Annie Loomis. She donated roughly \$400 to GPO.
- Cycle Fierce: Amy Bois will inform us of the details at the next meeting.
- Month of Giving: Amy Bois will send out promotional information through Jessica Friedman-community, Facebook, Website
- Babysitting Budget deliberations-January 10 at 6:30. At deliberations not many families used the service. How can we advertise it to get more families? Babysitting will be 6:30-8pm. Lyn will be the adult supervising in the Library. Lyn will give a sign up to Jessica.
- Reading Carnival Lead-Need to start planning in January and find a parent to organize it. Let's table this for next time.
- Afterschool Enrichment-Sent out an email to staff to see if they would like to run an enrichment program. There will be one more session for the year. Lyn will be making a school play (grades 6,7,8)part of enrichment. Going to ask music and art(set design) if they would like to help. Alanna Shrek and Alyson Baryames would like to help. Reserved stage for every Friday in February. Nicole said we can reserve a classroom for reads as well. Tracey Sherill will be there for guidance.
- Boxtops-Halfway to goal. Send out a message about continuing to save and bring in Boxtops on the Friday email to parents. Amy has put a reminder on Facebook. Students still get credit for their class if they bring them in in-between contests.

Financial Report:

- \$6252.53 Original Works, does not include expenses. Bounced checks did come back, Tamara will contact those families. \$181 checks \$60 fees.
- Monthly giving is happening.-let's start promoting this in the monthly newsletter and on Facebook.
- Taxes-submitted. Missing information is above and beyond what has been asked in the past. Will be meeting with Karen to help clarify and navigate.
- Reading Resource Fund-The allocated funds are gone at this point. \$1350 and spent \$1442. Jen will double check to make sure she didn't mix the two. Lets talk to Amy Bois about the Scholastic dollars/buck? Figure out where Vicky and Sue are with Scholastic. We want the book fair to fund most of their needs. Molly

will talk to Sue about her break down of funds to clarify for us. Could she give us quarterly updates?

- NO small grants this month
- Enrichment-payment has been a challenge. Checks not written correctly and then not resubmitted. We need to come up with an electronic payment method. Molly will look into different systems.

Business:

- Business sponsor template-Molly
- Amazon Smile- Sarah will set it up this month. Advertise on bulletin board, Facebook, Newsletter
- Scholarship criteria-Sarah called PHS and needs to visit the school to talk to guidance to make sure we have the right format for the new information.
- Book Shelving-purchased and delivered. \$150-scholarship grant request.
- Book Leveling-Have teachers ask the parents to help out in the classroom. Let's revisit in January.
- Art Auction-Tammy Biron. Each class does a piece of artwork and put it on a matted piece. They auction each piece off. Stand alone or at a parent event. They encourage the class to make a theme basket and auction those on off as well.
- GPO parent celebration/social-Stephanie and Mindy are scouting locations. Possibly March because we don't have an event at this time.
- Veterans Day-Sarah will talk to Sheila about the Veteran's Day assembly and let her know that we loved it.
- Partnering Consignment Shop, Sports Gear Swap ideas-donate sports equipment and have families come in one day to purchase it. Where would we store these things?

New Business:

- Officers Manual- Create a manual for your job by the end of year and have chairs of each event create something.
- New Staff welcome Wagon job-Vice President can give them an idea of what our role is in the school and enrichment. Do this at the end of August.
- Mother/Son event-As a GPO we would like to continue creating whole family events to include everyone.
- Tamara-grills were thrown out because they were a major fire hazard. Trying to budget for them, but maybe we could find donations of grills. Any size. Amy Bois could put a note on Facebook for grill donations for the school that are in good working condition.Sarah will look into Lowes Grants.
- Sarah-Rain Bucket to collect water to water the garden. Sarah may have one to donate. Jonathan and Rick Bzdafka are in charge of the garden and would a point person to contact
- Jen-her office has office chairs they would like to donate. Do teachers want them for their desks? Tamara will check.

- Babysitng night for parents to go out?