

JUNE MEETING MINUTES

Owego Elementary School PTO

Date | time 6/5/2017 7:06 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Danita Brooks

In Attendance

Danita Brooks, Angela Preston, Cindy Short, Laurie McKeveny, Lisa Boehme, Ginger Cates, Crystal Goss, Meghan McNally, Whitney Romero

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were read from the May meeting and approved.

Officer Reports

1. President's Report: Thank You cards received from Ellen Cronk for teacher's luncheon, from multiple teachers for the Conferencing Binders Grant, and from multiple teachers for supplies were shared with those in attendance.
2. Committee Chair Openings for next year.
3. Treasurer's Report: \$1462 balance in grant fund, 1463-1718 grant total submitted. Able to cover all requested grants except book binder. Institute ICW field trip one per class per year going forward. Will try to give ICW tentative schedule. ICW also suggested we offer form for Birthday Party deliveries for ice cream sandwiches, end-to-side. They are open to discussing more ideas of ways we can work together.
4. Yearbooks: Online orders totaled \$1969, 44 envelope sales \$484. Total spent \$2296. Kari still taking late payments and dropping them off at office for Anne to pick up. Need to look at income vs. expenses.

Committee Reports

1. Movie night: Karen/Leslie/Anne – Tabling. No new news.
2. School Dance: Chris – Good turn out. Everyone got a prize. ICW attended and was a hit.
3. Yearbook: Michelle – See above. Still have a lot left. Do we want to sell extras at fall orientation at a discount? Annie sending reimbursement.
4. Holiday Shoppe: Michelle – Already planning for next year. Prior years had shortage of items for men. New ideas for men's items included lunch tote (~ \$2), drawstring bag (~ \$2), Dad/Grandpa mug (~ \$3.50), frisbees printed with "Owego", "Owego" pens engraved with dad/grandpa, etc. (~ \$1).
5. Memorial Day: Kasey – Very poor turnout. Parade cancelled but flag ceremony still took place inside the VFW. Very poor communication by VFW parade committee this year. Only 5 kids attended.
6. Square 1 Art: Danita – A few pieces of art were missed when we shipped, so Mrs. Holt had items made at Anything Artistic for those students. Anything Artistic has asked us to consider using them instead of Square 1. Total profit this year \$1400 on 113 orders. Mrs. Holt may not be able to help children with artwork going forward. Discussed whether we wanted to continue this fundraiser. Vote tabled until fall.
7. Box Tops: Danita – Contest officially over for this year. Mrs. Gatto's 1st grade class won for the year with 6741 Box Tops collected this year. 2nd place goes to Willis (kindergarten), 3rd place to McCloe (5th grade). All three classes get party to celebrate. Mr. McCloe's class was also winner for the month of May with 528 Box Tops. Total, we collected \$2760.70 worth of Box Tops during this school year. Danita will most likely do summer contest again this year as it has been popular for the past two years.

8. Field Day: Danita – signed contract and sent deposit (\$450) to Bobbie K for giant slide and Running Man obstacle course rentals. Total cost is \$900. Need 2 generators. Michelle McLaren will donate one. District to provide fuel. Popsicles have been purchased. Paid invoice to balloon lady to come to make balloon animals for all children (instead of face painting). Need volunteers to man blow-ups through the day. Date is June 16th, rain date June 15th.
9. 5th Grade Graduation: Danita – Thursday, June 22nd starting at 1:30. PTO needs volunteers to prepare refreshments during ceremony. Also need to purchase plates, napkins, cups, and forks for 250 people.

Principal's Report

Discussed 5th grade graduation. Teachers say thank you for luncheon and other teacher appreciation week surprises.

New Business

1. Grant Request: Puzzlets for summer enrichment/after school programs - \$340. Vote passed.
2. Grant Request: Kindergarten fun day. Requesting \$200 for chalk, bubbles, sand supplies. Has replaced graduation. Vote passed.
3. Grant Request: 2nd Grade field trip to Taconic Park. Request \$103.32 for lunch, water, plates, hot dogs, etc. Vote passed.
4. Grant Request: Special Education outdoor equipment. Requested \$90 for outdoor equipment such as ring toss, balls, etc. Vote passed.
5. Grant Request: Book binder. Requested \$275. All grades use. Last one broke. Vote tabled. Can district cover this cost?
6. Grant Request: Rainbow River Stones for OT/PT. Requested \$219.99 for 6 stones. Current price on Amazon is \$124. Vote passed.
7. Grant Request: 3rd grade theme days. Requested \$200, which is \$50 per teacher. Vote passed.
8. Grant Request: Goodnight Stories for Rebel Girls books requested for library. Cost is \$35-\$290 depending on how many books ordered. Vote tabled. Will check with Mrs. Sherman to see if library can get a better price. Discussed getting 2 books for library.

Upcoming Dates

6/16/17 – Field days. Rain date 6/15/17.

6/22/17 – 5th Grade Graduation

Officer Transition

New Officers take over as follows:

Vice President – Kasey Chabot

Treasurer – Cindy Short

Secretary – Ginger Cates

Committee Chairs

Need chairs for multiple committees. Volunteers signed up as follows:

Box Tops for Education: Angela amparv02@aol.com

Kindergarten Orientation & Screening: Meghan Morse childsplyot@gmail.com

Recycle Rewards: Angela amparv02@aol.com

School Folders: Whitney Romero Whitneyryanromero@gmail.com
School Pictures: Crystal Goss Crystal.goss@raymondcorp.com
Yearbook: Ginger Cates gingerkcates@gmail.com

Still need chairs for the following committees:

5th Grade Graduation
Cider Mill Fundraiser
Field Day Support
Shoparoo
State Testing Support
Welcome back Staff Breakfast

Possibly available:

Tyson A+
Thanksgiving Basket

Next Meeting

TBD

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:09 PM and was passed unanimously.