

**Owego Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization (OES-PTO)**  
General Meeting – November 4, 2014 7:00pm  
Parkview Restaurant

Meeting called by President Tami Steele

Attendance: Danita Brooks, Michelle McLaren, Kasey Chobot, Anne Schuyler, Lisa Boehme, Stefanie Wieckhorst, Kara Vizina, Laurie McKeveny, Heidi Higgins, Tami Steele

**Welcome-Introductions:**

- A. **Review PTO Meeting Schedule & Timing – The PTO has a goal to keep meetings to 1 hour. In order to do this, each meeting will follow the agenda. If there is not time to discuss additional topics, they will be saved for the next meeting or handled through subcommittee.**
- B. **Review minutes from PTO officers meeting**
- C. **Treasurer's Report**
- D. **New Business**
1. **Budget** – Officers have not finalized it yet; hope to have it ready to vote on by next month. No big fundraiser is planned so we're trying to cut back.
  2. **Thanksgiving Baskets** – PTO tries to provide 2 baskets. Danita will be splitting the items through the PTO email list. Items will be due Friday the 14<sup>th</sup>.
  3. **Dance** – We currently have February 13<sup>th</sup> reserved at OAMS. There are also a couple January dates as an alternative option.
  4. **Hockey Tickets** – We were contacted by the Binghamton Senators about possibly having an OES night. There are many dates to choose from. Students get a free ticket with the purchase of an adult ticket. Tami will get more information.
  5. **Box Tops** – We have currently collected \$820 since the start of the school year – this will all be going toward the December check. Mrs. Barton's morning UPK class was the October winner. We are also collecting Tyson Project A+ rewards as part of the contest.
  6. **Newsletter** – Danita is putting together a November newsletter. Please send any articles to [danimae1981@gmail.com](mailto:danimae1981@gmail.com) by November 12<sup>th</sup>.
  7. **Holiday Shoppe** – Will be open December 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and the half day 12<sup>th</sup>. Prices range from 25 cents to \$5, and many of the items are already in. We will need volunteers to help out.
- E. **Old Business**
1. **School Pictures** – Another photographer was suggested to us due to some concerns. After discussion, we decided to continue using Lifetouch as we are under contract, they helped us after the flood, have good customer service, and also do our yearbooks.
- F. **Principal Topics – As always, we are very thankful to Mrs. McKeveny for attending the PTO meetings.**
1. The high school is putting on a production of Beauty and the Beast and it would be nice to bring the OES students over to see it. Transportation cost would be \$1100, which PTO cannot fully fund. Discussing other options.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, December 2, 2014 at 7pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57pm  
Minutes submitted by D. Brooks