

La Crescent-Hokah PTO Meeting

April 2, 2015

Attendee sign in and introductions

Kelly Fabian

Heather Hammell

Leah Olson

Melinda Klug

Joedy Cano

Bonnie Martin

Karn Schwartzhoff

Jay Woller

Reading of secretary's minutes of previous meeting

Treasurer's report

- \$32,783.40 in checking
- 3069.43 for book fair
- 1575.66 profit from book fair
- \$264 from bringing books to life raffle

- need to know an estimate of what's promised to pay out (\$10,320)

Bringing Books to Life recap

- outstanding turnout
- everyone that Bonnie told we sold-out was very understanding
- it was a good positive vibe
- maybe pick a Thursday so there's more leading up to it
- important to be able to set up right after school
- possibly shortening the reading events
- would be nice if the school could support no homework for that night
- might be nice to bring in more community members
- Chicken
 - possibly have it start at 4
 - maybe a separate line for carry-outs
 - it was sold out by 5:15
 - ordered 50 extra
 - include on next year's order form that it's important to order ahead
 - consider offering chicken tickets to students who might not be able to come otherwise
 - it wasn't a huge profit
 - Premier was enthusiastic about coming again next year
- idea to do balloon making or face painting
- have volunteers read each book twice
- noticed there was less participation from older kids and older teachers
- consider speaker on the news

- maybe apply for Apple Grant to facilitate some extra prizes
- Kelly thought everything went very smoothly
- Paige and Walt did a whole bunch of clean-up
- Leah will give t-shirt cash to Heather and then get a check to pay for a gift for Emma

Grandparent's Night Out in April?

- this is going to be put on hold
- we'll postpone this for next year

Yearbook

- need to work on improving the number of teachers who turn in pictures
- possibly consider offering an incentive to have teachers turn in candid photos
- about the same number of people ordered as last time

Playday

- idea to have popsicles
- need it to be nutritional
- May 22
- Melinda moves to offer GoGurts
- might put stickers on the GoGurts to say they're from the PTO
- make sure there's scissors out there

Upcoming Elections

Rebranding/changing by-laws

- start a Google-form that makes a survey of your time and talents that we could give out to parents
- focusing on new meeting format
- make a list of activities that need volunteers and type of volunteers
 - we have a much better idea of the activities we need help with
 - have a sign-in at open house/back-to-school
- Mission/Vision brainstorming
 - enrichment
 - experiences
 - community
 - learning
 - fun
 - pride
 - support
 - involvement
 - home/school connection
 - spirit
 - commitment
- make a raffle for if they turn in their time and talents sheet
- make a raffle when people come to meetings
- Bonnie will use the brainstorming to come up with a draft
- get the meetings earlier
- have exec board before to make up task
- have learning portion of meeting follow

GGR preliminary planning

- Oct 2
- Beth is open to ideas for GGR training program in the CE catalog
- need to have this ready for back to school night
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