



Dunellen PTO



PTO Meeting Minutes

December 11, 2019

Time: 7:04 pm

Attendance:

Pam Vail-President

Silke Carlson-Co-Vice President, Committee Chair

Nicole Moore- Co-Vice President, Grade Level Oversight

Gwen Perdomo-Treasurer

Laurie Mann-Correspondence Secretary

Kelli Castro -Recording Secretary was absent.

Teachers in Attendance: none

Board Members in Attendance: none

Welcome/Call to Order (Pam): Welcome. Mr. Lubisco will not be attending the meeting.

Treasurer (Gwen): Review of the treasurer's report; Gwen reported there were deposits made from book fair, some memberships, raffle. No questions posed. Motion approved/seconded to accept.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: (Pam) Review minutes from November. No questions posed. Motion approved/seconded to accept.

President's Remarks (Pam): There was a discussion from the membership regarding bylaws. A member stated the changes were hard to identify and hoped for an outline of some kind. Pam responded that the changes have been available to review for the past month or two and members have had ample opportunities to ask questions or comment. Laurie noted the primary changes were updated committees and other minor language revisions. Members asked why suggestions for term limits and no teacher liaison were not included. Pam and the board noted that the history of the board has had difficulty finding volunteers and most years the same people are nominated. It was not advisable to have term limits and such turnover. Another member talked about a "lack of transparency", to which the board disputed and another member suggested a procedure for making

suggestions and not having 3rd party comments conveyed or considered. The board agreed that if a topic is important to any member, they can speak for themselves. Pam reminded the membership that the bylaws had been available to read through and make comments for some time, and the revisions were being handled the same way they have always been in the past, to which there was never an issue. A member said she was willing to be on a committee for bylaws. It was determined to table the decision to vote on bylaws until the next meeting.

Vice President's Remarks (Silke): Silke mentioned we still need a Sunshine Committee chair, some expenditures were made for recent events on behalf of PTO/Sunshine in the meantime. We still need an Assembly chair for all 3 schools and an 8th Grade Promotion chair (party 1 day before last day of school). Box Tops needs a chair, we missed the fall deadline to submit, but hope to submit by March 1st. Winter Wonderland dance was put together in 3 days due to lack of communication from the teachers. Amazingly, we got a DJ, food and volunteers in short notice. Holiday Bazaar finished, Gwen counted inventory/boxes and they will be picked up tomorrow. We deposited \$8,578.22 according to Gwen, but we won't know until boxes are returned how much we may make. Last year we only made \$35, as it's not really a fundraiser, as it is an event for the students. Once we receive the invoice from the company we will know. A member volunteered for the Sunshine Committee.

Vice President's Remarks (Nicole): Nicole mentioned the raffle tickets are still available-drawing will be at Talent Show on 1/31. Prizes are \$1500 Visa, \$750 Amazon, & \$500 Target cards. Help is needed for Talent Show as the person who has chaired it before, has moved out of Dunellen. See Nicole if you can help behind the scenes, with music/lighting and bake sale. Flyers will be going out at Faber next week, \$5/per act, dress rehearsal date TBD, open to families. Upcoming winter parties next week, Nicole has names of all the volunteers, let her know if any changes. A member suggested asking Mr. Spector if he can help with lights/music or get HS students to help for community hours.

Correspondence Secretary (Laurie): Laurie mentioned PBSIS has raised over \$2000 so far this year. There are upcoming fundraisers at Models and 30 Burgers/Mike's Subs with Door Dash available; She noted that the next PTO meeting will be February 12th. Pam commented that Faber staff reached 100% PTO membership and will be awarded the breakfast on the 16th.

Comments from public: A member was concerned about and was looking for advice to gain support for the shop class and trades in general being eliminated or reduced in the near future. She hoped to have 7th-8th grades to be able to take a shop class, to have younger grades exposed to trades before deciding about vo-tech for high school. She brought her concerns to BOE meetings, felt no reaction from Mr. Mosley about it. Someone suggested a class trip to vo-tech and a petition or online support for this cause. It was suggested to have a meeting at the library.

Closing Remarks (Pam): Pam wished everyone happy holidays.

Adjourned: 7:45 pm

Respectfully Submitted: Kelli Castro