

## Attendees - 24 members

Jen Young, Kelly Kmieske, Tom Leone, Christine Gilbert, Kim Kratzer, Wendy Brademeyer, David Middlin

Kim Bondy, Kendra Brown, Sandra Buczek, Hugo Gayosso, Erin Gowell, Lisa Hennemann, Beth Jodon, Melissa Marowelli, Gail Morad, Nicole Ridenour, Catherine Tabor, Wendy Thilbeault, Punam Vyas, Stephanie Ward, Scott Wells, Trisha Wells, Elizabeth Wynn

## Review of Minutes

A request for questions & comments on last month's minutes. - none

## Treasurers Report – Tom Leone

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Not a very active month for transactions. Made the 6<sup>th</sup> grade camp payment to the sixth grade team (it was in holding).

Popcorn Fridays have brought in \$692.73 in profit for this school year already – thank you Stephanie Ward, Thara & Mike Harrell??

## Funding Requests

1. Laura Holliday is requesting \$600 for t-shirts and drawstring bags for accepted kindergarteners. – **DENIED; 20 votes; 6 Yes, 14 No**

Wendy Brademeyer is representing Laura. These would be given to the students at the Welcome Night; that means that they have been accepted at the lottery, but they are not necessarily going to be students at South Arbor.

### DISCUSSION:

Mrs. Bondy said that most people have decided if their child would be going to South Arbor by the time that they get the shirts.

Jen read the bylaws aloud to restate the mission of the PTO. Jen stated she would rather see the PTO buying House Color shirts for the kindergarteners.

2. Mrs. Morad is requesting \$500 to purchase microphone headsets for podcasting in the technology classroom. – **APPROVED; 19 votes; 18 Yes, 1 No**

Mrs. Morad spoke:

Likes to keep the students up-to-date. One of the current smart tools is to do podcasting - so that they can record their voices themselves and then create their own podcast. It would give students another opportunity to take tests orally or let Mrs. Morad record her own lessons for students who are not here. They are working with a microphone right now, but there is only one, so it is not efficient. Mrs. Morad would like to have parents see the work that the students do. There is a software program called Audacity that they can use to record their voices, and include music, etc. She found a sale at Best Buy for the headsets. She would like to use her budgeted money of \$400 and add an additional \$500 so that she can let each workstation in the library have a set of headphones with a microphone.

### DISCUSSION:

Question: Which grades would be allowed to use the headsets? Mrs. Moberg said grades 1 – 8.

Question: Could the teachers incorporate them into presentations, etc? Mrs. Moberg said, “Absolutely. People are always looking for different ways for students to be assessed.”

3. The Events Committee is requesting \$250 for a Wii/Nerf War event for 5<sup>th</sup> graders (about 150 people). – **APPROVED; 21 votes; 20 Yes, 1 No**

David Middlin spoke:

This would be for the food only. We could put up PTO banners, etc. during the event to represent the PTO.

DISCUSSION:

Jen Young stated that the PTO is now trying to become more of a community builder and not just a fundraiser.

Question: Who paid for the food last year?

Answer: Last year, it was a misunderstanding; they thought the pizza was going to be donated by J.D.’s Pizza, and it was not donated, South Arbor had to pay for the pizza.

Question: When is this?

Answer: March 26th

4. Mrs. Buczek is requesting \$168.30 - \$205.50 for NJHS (National Junior Honor Society) induction ceremony supplies. The lower price includes a discount code, if that expires, it will be the higher price. – **APPROVED; 20 votes; 20 Yes, 0 No**

Sandy Buczek spoke:

This is for the top middle school students who have a 2.8 overall GPA or higher and, also receive a 3.0 or above in moral focus. These students need to be involved in the community. The NJHS sponsors the blood drive each year and does the candy grams in December to help a cause. Students not only need these GPA’s, but they also need teacher recommendations to become a member.

## Updates & New Items

1. Update from Kelly Kmieske, VP
  - a. Vote on changing PTO bylaws to update Board position descriptions. – **APPROVED, 21 Yes, 0 No**  
There were some grammatical changes, and then most of the changes are for updating
  - b. PTO Board nomination updates....for next year’s board, election May 9<sup>th</sup>

Please fill out the nomination forms; nominate yourself or a friend for a position. Once a person has been nominated, they will get a call letting them know that they have been nominated, and asked if they would like to run for the nominated position. The Board would like to see new people in these positions next year; it would be nice to get fresh ideas.

2. Updates from Christine Gilbert, Secretary
  - a. Roller Skating Family Fun Night  
The roller skating event was FUN! There were 205 paid skaters that showed up to the event along with many others who watched on the sidelines; even though there were 2 snow days leading up to the event! This was not a fundraiser - just a Family Fun Night ~ but we did earn \$102.50; the skating

rink gave the PTO \$.50 back for every paid admission. It was nice to have the whole rink be just South Arbor families!

- b. Updates to the Forms page of the website.

I updated the Forms page on the South Arbor PTO website. Instead of just a list of forms, I gave a small description of each form. I also placed "popular form" next to a few of them so that people would know which ones to print.

3. Green Team updates from Gail Morad – more to see on the blog site.  
Mrs. Morad said that if we are able to get the Emerald level, we are able to get

An Edmodo website has been pulled together by the Green Team. They are also working with the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts with other green issues.

## Open Floor

Klacye Browning wanted to express thank you for the Food for the Souls – it was their biggest one yet.

Budget requests – Jen mentioned that we need to think of these budget items now. If anyone has a request, please submit it now.

Beth Jodon asked if there was any interest in Script orders – there could be one done by the 22<sup>nd</sup> to get the cards by Easter. Can someone set up a spot at conferences?

Labels for Education – Nicole is going to get the counts together and create a "Wish List Request" form like last year. Teachers will look through the catalog and request up to 3 items. Then, we will draw items from a hat. When the points run out, we will be done.

Box Tops – Thank you Lisa Egmon for all of your hard work collecting, trimming, counting, and organizing the Box Tops this year! We have earned \$1,724.50 this year...just by collecting \$.10 at a time and sending them into the school! Every bit counts! What is that money going to be spent on?? When a teacher, parent or staff member submits a request for money from the PTO for something, the PTO meeting attendees get to decide (anonymously) on whether that request is approved. Keep sending in those Box Tops (and Labels for Education). We always collect them all year long. It is a big job to trim the box tops, and get them ready to submit to the company; in order to make sure your child gets credit, just write the color of their house (Red, White or Blue) on the baggy when placing them in the basket in the Parent Room - this will ensure that the proper "house" gets points.

Auction – Stephanie Ward needs help for the auction. She needs volunteers to help run the copies - Kelly Kmieske, Kim Kratzer and Trisha Wells can all help.

Popcorn – Stephanie Ward could also use help on popcorn Friday this week. Trisha Wells will help deliver the popcorn. Beth Jodon will take the money to the bank.

## Closing

Jean Day drawing – Kendra Brown's family

\$10 Target gift card – Mr. Devine due to Ryan Kmieske's mom attending.

## Next Meeting

Thursday, April 11, 2013 at 6:00pm