



GES Monthly PTA Meeting

Tuesday November 7, 2017 ~ Meeting Minutes (Not Yet Approved)

- **President's Report: Chris Kirtz**
 - Thank you to everyone who came out to support Franko Tamburello's event at DeSantis. Total of \$4,000 was able to be given to the family. Special Thank You to Nanette for picking up and organizing the teacher's carry out order for the day.
 - Reminder to complete the survey for the boundaries with the new NE Elementary School.
 - Boundary Meeting Wednesday, November 8th at PHHS.
 - Baltimore County Public School Board Meeting was also held this evening.. discussing the two Jewish Holidays for the 2018-2019 School Year.
 - Acknowledged that the "turn-around" process with some paperwork, etc between School/Families/PTA may be a bit longer than in prior months... 4 members of the Executive PTA Board have started new Full Time Jobs.. we're working as hard as we can. Thanked everyone for their patience.
 - PTA Cards are on backorder.... As soon as the company ships them out we will get them to all new PTA Members. This will not affect any new PTA Member with upcoming future PTA events.

- **Treasurer's Report: Katie Calise**
 - To date we have a total of 465 PTA Members!
 - A total of 41 Individuals signed up at the Fall Fest
 - Restaurant Night/Spirit Nights are successful!
 - Ritas - \$249.60
 - Kona Ice - \$204.00
 - Chick-fil-A - \$398.00
 - To date, \$3,840 has been collected for BINGO Tickets
 - We collected \$120 at the door from non-members for Fall Fest

- **Committee Reports:**

- **Fall Fest: Chris Kirtz**
 - Huge THANK YOU to Lacey and her Team of Volunteers!! It was a great success!!
 - Main challenge was the Check In procedure. There were a lot of people that did not RSVP, they just showed up which made lines a bit longer and the wait a bit longer
 - More Volunteers are needed. A minimum of 6 adults are needed for the Check In Procedure
 - 70-80% of the volunteers we had were Middle Schoolers.
 - Suggestions were to create Sign Up Genius with time slots for Fall Fest to help control and maintain volunteer help
- **Box Tops: Melissa Gage**
 - GES was able to receive \$738.20 for BOX TOPS collected
 - Next Submission Date is end of February
- **Read-a-Thon: Karen Connor**
 - Total amount raised was \$10,464.70
 - Total of \$8,000 was able to go towards the PTA! This is roughly the same amount of money raised from the Chocolate Fundraiser last year
- **Membership: Chris Kirtz**
 - Total of 465 PTA Members for 2017-2018 School Year
 - 41 Members joined at Fall Fest!

- **Upcoming:**

- **BINGO: Mandy Houck**
 - Total of 272 tickets sold; this time last year we had 400 tickets sold
 - We "Boosted" the ad on FB.. so 1200 individuals were reached
 - Asked each person to share the FB post to their FB Page
 - Still in need of volunteers.. please contact Shellie or sign up with the Sign Up Genius
- **Spirit Wear: Shannon Lowe**

- There was a request for an appropriate adult option for teachers, ie. Polo Shirt, Short Sleeve - active wear material, etc
 - PTA does not make any money from the sales of the Spirit Wear
 - Hoping to have the website up and running by Friday, November 17th
 - AEW: **Chris Kirtz**
 - Kelly Hobbs and Falon Addair are contacting the individuals who expressed interest in volunteering for this event
 - There will be Breakfast Set up each morning
 - They are in need of 1-2 Greeters for each day as the Parents come to school to visit their child's classroom
 - Super with Santa: **Jen Cameron**
 - A Sign Up Genius will be created for event
 - Pasta Dinner / Visit with Santa / Games / Crafts
 - Friday, December 8th
 - We are in need of a Photographer who has proper lighting and a background.
 - Also in need of someone to print the pictures
 - Pictures are \$3 each (cover the cost of the photo paper)
 - This is a Pre-Paid Event
 - Jen is working on the flyer
- **Ongoing:**
 - Restaurant Nights: **Chris Kirtz**
 - Urban Trampoline Park - 20% of sales will go to the PTA
 - Working on the DeNiros night for January
 - No Restaurant/Spirit night in December
 - 5th Grade: **Vivian Ziehl**
 - 5th Grade Tshirts will be ordered this week
 - PTA paid for each 5th grader to receive shirt, along with the Principal and Assistant Principal

- Spirit Day Flyer went home... they will be having 5th Grade Spirit Days each Wednesday

- **Faculty Report:** **Ms. Snair**

- Teachers thank the PTA for the Teacher Reimbursements!
- Wednesday Flyer Distribution is working well
- Grade 1 says "thank you" to the PTA for the Zoo Mobile which is visiting the school this Thursday

- **Principal's Report:** **Mrs. Cunningham**

- Thanked the PTA for the "Kindness Rocks" Keychains that each student received
- Thank you to everyone who helped out and came to the Fall Fest.. it was a great turnout
- The Pre-Registration form for AEW was sent home today
- Spring/Generations Day for Students will be Thursday, April 12th
- The African Drum After School Club is a great success..
- Two different Assembly Ideas:
 - YoJo - Anti-Bullying
 - Chinese Acrobats
- Going to ask the Student Council which they would prefer
- The School ordered a Historical Trunk from the MD Historical Society for the 5th Grade Class. We will be able to keep the trunk for 3 weeks. Use for teaching purposes, etc.
- Ms. Kahan thanked everyone who sent special welcome messages on Facebook to our new Secretary Kathy

- **New Business**

- June PTA Meeting was rescheduled to June 4th due to the 5th Grade Farewell Event on Tuesday, June 5th

- **Meeting Adjourned**