

**Lebanon Borough School**  
**PTA Meeting**  
**1/13/25**

**Attendance:** Heather Berg, Amy Sjursen, Danielle Valliere, Mayan Barkel, Brandon Borzelli, Kristen Abeles

**Paperwork:** Agenda, Treasurers Report, Log of Expenses/Deposits

**The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by Heather Berg.**

**Dr. Arcurio's Report**

- The Winter Concert on December 19 was a great success with strong attendance from our school community
- Our LBS entrepreneurs showcased their creativity and business skills at the TREP\$ Marketplace on December 12
- Students enjoyed celebrating the end of 2024 with our Ugly/Holiday/Festive Sweater Day and various fun classroom activities before winter break
- The school reopened smoothly after winter break with both Mrs. Walsh returning to first grade and Ms. Barkel returning to 2nd grade
- The Hour of Code initiative in Mrs. Baldoni's classes was completed, introducing students to coding fundamentals
- Our next community event is the Walking School Bus on January 16 at 8:00 AM, followed by school closure for MLK Jr. Observance on January 20

**Treasurer's Report**

- We have a total of \$4,594.14 in our account.
  - This includes a \$270 deposit for Kid's Night Out.
  - This also includes a \$100 withdrawal for TREPs.
  - There is one check from the Box Tops program that hasn't yet been deposited.

## **Past Events**

### **Kids' Night Out**

- This event was a successful and easy one. Heather and Pete Berg, along with Mrs. Ingram, handled it without trouble. Two 7<sup>th</sup> grade students also volunteered.
- In the future we are looking for ways to entice younger students, whose parents would benefit most from the time away.
  - Amy Sjursen suggested holding it right after school, and Heather suggested hosting it on a Sunday morning.
  - It was suggested that Springtime may garner more interest as December is a busy month.

### **Twelfth Night Recreation Event**

- Kristen Abeles hosted the hot chocolate social portion of the town Recreation Committee 12<sup>th</sup> Night event. It was successful, but not as well attended as the previous year.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Dance**

- This year's dance will take place on February 21 from 6-8pm.
  - Brandon Borzelli confirmed that Dr. D, the DJ, charged \$350 last year.
  - Heather Berg reports that we need a committee chair. Angela Carlucci and Amy Sjursen are both happy to help.
  - Information about the dance should be sent to the class representatives to distribute to each class.
  - We need to create a Signup Genius and a Flyer.

### **March event**

- Mayan Barkel suggests an event related to March Madness, as there is already a Student Council March Madness event and we could tie them together.
- Heather Berg suggested a talent or variety show.
- Heather Berg mentioned that NJ Makers day is March 16, and often local libraries hold events for this.

- It was resolved that the event will be a “Taste of” event, in which participants choose a regional cuisine or recipe to represent at a table, and attendees walk around sampling the different offerings.
  - Mayan Barkel mentions that the teachers can tie this into the curriculum.
  - Ingredient lists must be provided for food-allergy concerns.
  - Participants must let PTA know if they need access to an outlet.
  - Heather Berg will create a Canva form.
  - Someone will need to create a Google form to determine interest, and to determine which foods and regions will be represented.
  - We will open this event up to the town as well. Heather Berg suggested reaching out to the garden club to see if they would be interested in hosting a table. Kristen Abeles will talk to the Recreation Committee about this.

### **Miscellaneous**

- Heather Berg reported that she attended the Board of Education meeting regarding the issue of adopting Universal Pre-K and moving our 6<sup>th</sup> grade students to Clinton Public. She reported that some parents attended the meeting and that most are in favor of the change. The issue has not yet come to a vote on the Board.
- Heather Berg may need to fill out a game license form ahead of our Basket Bingo event. Brandon Borzelli reports that the form is confusing, and he will check with Kathleen Seelig, last year’s president, to verify which form she used for this.

**Heather Berg adjourns the meeting at 7:13pm.**