

Lebanon Borough School
PTA Meeting
11/11/24

Attendance: Heather Berg, Liz Farrell, Ruth Karavidas, Danielle Valliere, Brandon Borzelli, Kristen Abeles

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 by Heather Berg.

Dr. Arcurio's Report

- The Halloween Parade was a success and the parents had an opportunity to watch the children parade and then the children had parties and activities in their classrooms
- Parent-Teacher conferences went well last week
- Student Council is sponsoring a Food Drive from today through the winter break. A flyer came home in Friday's email and will be in the Friday email in the coming weeks.
- We have a BOE Meeting tomorrow, November 12th
- The PTA Book Fair is tomorrow and Wednesday.
- We have an early dismissal on The 27th and off on the 28th and 29th for Thanksgiving
- Report Cards will be available in the Parent Portal on December 9th.

Treasurer's Report

- Our current balance is \$4,493.81.
 - Most of the incoming funds are from hot lunches.
 - We took in \$158.60 for the clothing drive.
- Brandon Borzelli is in the process of renewing our gamin license, as it expires in January. Once he does, it will be valid for 2 years.

Old Business

- Mrs. Farrell reports that the Running Club was successful.

- It culminated in the Duck Donuts 5K. This race was a good choice because it included both a 5K and 10K, so those who walked the 5K were finished just as the 10K runners were coming in. This way the finish line was not deserted for the walkers. We would do this race again.
- Practicing in town on the hills was challenging for the runners and helped get them ready for the race.
- Our clothing drive was the most successful yet, earning \$158.00. This is an easy way to earn money for the PTA.
 - Ruth Karavidas suggests including weekends in the collection window next time.
 - Heather Berg will put another drive on the schedule for April or May.
- Our Spirit Wear sale was modestly successful this year. Kristen Abeles ran it.
 - The sale earned a total of \$80 for the PTA. There were 12 orders of 40 items, totaling \$1241.00 in sales.

Upcoming Events

- The Scholastic Book Fair will take place from November 12-14 in the LBS library.
 - Lynn Francisco is leading the fair, and everything is set up in the library.
 - The Parks department is coming for a Skulls workshop on Wednesday 11/14. (The owl pellet logistics were too complicated, so Lynn chose the skulls workshop instead.)
 - Danielle Dinardo and Kristen Abeles will be volunteers at the sale.
 - Lynn Francisco paid the Park Department and the PTA will reimburse her.
- TREPS marketplace will take place on December 13. Mrs. Baldoni is running this event.
 - Mrs. Farrell asked whether the PTA will be able to provide some money for the teachers so they can purchase from the students. Brandon Borzelli will see what we gave last year and provide the teachers with the same amount in cash.
 - The Mayor will be present for the TREPS ribbon cutting.
- Kids Night Out is scheduled for December 12 from 5:00-8:00pm. Heather Berg will be running this. It will feature little activity stations and games.
 - We would like to have a teacher or two on site for this event. Possibly two could split the time so one doesn't have to stay the entire time. For Last year's event Mrs. Ingram and Mrs. Barkel volunteered. Brandon Borzelli will check to see whether the teachers were paid through the PTA or through the school.
 - Heather Berg will modify last year's flyer for this year's event. Registration will be via Google form, and payments will be mixed

between checks and Venmo. It was requested that parents should note on Venmo payments what they are paying for. The cost will be \$20 per student, and \$10 per additional student. Heather will try to distribute the signup by 11/15.

- There are a handful of parents who signed up as volunteers for this event.
- Our January Hot Chocolate Event will be held during the Recreation Committee's Twelfth Night celebration, on January 6. Kristen Abeles will reach out to Lisa Porcello from the Rec Committee to see what they need from the PTA.
- Our Dance will be held on February 21. Angela Carlucci will help to run this event. Heather Berg will reach out to Dr. D, the DJ, to book him for the event.
- Our next Pizza Lunch will be April 9.
- Teacher appreciation week is May 5-9.
 - We could request a donation from Shop Rite if we submit this early on their website.
 - Mrs. Farrell mentioned that one of her student's family owns a catering business. Heather Berg will reach out about this.
 - Heather Berg mentioned an idea to host a "Make Your Own Floral Arrangement" for one of the appreciation days.
 - Ruth Karavidas mentioned the new donut gluten-free donut shop on Clinton, Mochi Queen, as one possibility.

Miscellaneous

- Brandon Borzelli will put together a tutorial to teach people how to use the Box Tops App, and send it home as a flyer.
- Heather Berg mentioned to Lynn Francisco that we will know how much money we have in our Scholastic Dollars account after Wednesday's sale. This account enables teachers to choose books and classroom materials and order directly.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:12pm by Heather Berg.

