



Seneca Street PTO
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October 2018 General Meeting Minutes

Date, Time and Location: October 10, 2018 6:00pm, Library

Meeting called to order by: Penny Houser, 6:00

Attendance: Penny Houser, Colleen Kahler, Linda Buschatzke, Leslie Zimmerman, Bettina McCormick, Patricia Tedeschi, Jill Rodegher, Stephanie Neff, Sue McIntyre, Kathy Zangrilli, Lisa Coakley, Meg Kelly, Tori Baretta, Danielle Hudson, Mike Hudson, Christian Sanchez, Jennifer Dropp, Laura Maggiore, Jennifer Roberts.

President's Report given by Colleen Kahler: Our goal this year is parents and teachers working as a team. We need to raise \$20,000 to fund this year and to prepare for the next year.

Treasurer's Report given by Leslie Zimmerman: We have approximately \$3,000. Community Bank, OneGroup and Oneida Dental Group have joined as Bronze-level Business Partners with donations of \$250 each. We also received a \$50 donation from AmeriCU.

Box Tops Report given by Melisa Mannix: Collection boxes have been placed at the following locations: Oneida Housing Authority, Oneida Physical Therapy, Rec Center, City Hall, Public Library. The first collection of Box Tops needs to be sent out by November 1st.

- Discussed using spirit days as incentive to bring in box tops.
- There were 250 box tops left over from last year.
- We received a donation of a Box Tops certificate worth 1,000 Box Tops
- Parents can send in Box Tops in any amount—they do not need to wait until they collect 50

Restaurant Fundraisers given by Colleen Kahler: We raised over \$400 at the Recovery Sports Grill restaurant night.

- Next restaurant fundraiser will be at Outback Steakhouse in New Hartford. The fundraiser will run for several days, all day, from October 22-28.
- Discussion of other possible restaurant fundraisers including Madison Bistro, The Fireside Café, Giovanni's Big Cheese, or Ye Olde Pizza Pub



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- Napoleon's Café has offered to host a dinner around Valentine's Day. Cost for full course meal would be between \$45-60 per person, with reservations required. Discussion about whether we could combine with free child care provided.

Business Partners given by Linda Buschatzke: Adopt-a-Grade hasn't worked as hoped. We have received in-kind donations of gift cards and other items to use as prizes for our Fun Run.

Fall Fundraiser given by Linda Buschatzke: Thanks-4-Giving Fun Run will be held during gym, with a possible obstacle course set up by Coach D'Arcangelis. Teachers can participate with students.

- Students will receive raffle entries for every \$20 earned. There are several different prize levels and the grand prize will be an iPad.
- Teachers will have separate pledge forms and can win a teacher prize package.

Fall Festival given by Linda Buschatzke: Will take place on Friday, October 26th from 5:30-6 p.m.

- Boo Bingo for first 45 minutes, Penny will be caller.
- 40 minutes for Cake Walk following Boo Bingo.
- There will also be ongoing pumpkin contest judging, candy estimation jars, and refreshments for sale
- Discussed possibility of getting glow sticks donated

Boon Supply given by Jennifer Roberts: Not moving along as planned—we have earned approximately \$200. Fundraiser continues through November 9th. Discussed ways to promote including sharing on Facebook and hosting a Facebook shopping event to share with friends. The link to the fundraiser is bit.ly/boonfall

Winter Social given by Colleen Kahler: Will take place December 14th from 5:30- 7:00 pm.

- Christmas cookie walk
- Letters to Santa.
- Discussed volunteers, possibly request Honor Society to assist
- Discussed having fifth graders volunteer as elves or reindeer. May be able to borrow costumes from Bogardus PAC.



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Candy Bars given by Lori Barretta: Plan to sell single candy bars from Gertrude Hawk in March. Awaiting more information from the company.

Suggestions from attendees: Discussion about additional fundraising ideas.

- Utica Coffee fundraiser, possibly in December. Danielle and Mike Hudson will research and chair.
- Dazzle fundraiser suggested by Patty Tedeschi. Shop in Manlius hosts fundraiser night and PTO gets a percentage of sales. Potentially in December.
- Natures Vision T-shirts suggested by Stephanie Neff
- Class T-Shirts discussed. We need a new supplier. Jennifer Dropp's husband may provide. Idea to send a pre-order form to gauge interest and see how many donated shirts would be needed. Plan to do Seneca Street School shirts instead of class shirts this year.
- Craft fair suggested by Jennifer Dropp. Would be held in school gym with booths rented out.

Meeting adjourned by Colleen Kahler at 7:10 p.m.

Minutes compiled by Grace Nicholas and Jennifer Roberts

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 7th, at 6:00pm