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## March 2019 General Meeting Minutes

**Date, Time and Location:** March 13, 2019, 6:00 p.m. Seneca Street School Gym

**Meeting called to order by:** Melisa Mannix at 6:00 p.m., seconded by Jennifer Roberts

**Attendance:** Melissa Peebles, Jennifer Dropp, Jennifer Roberts, Shelby Jones, Melisa Mannix, Linda Buschatzke, Leslie Zimmerman, Lisa Coakley, Sue McIntyre, Penny Houser, Jenn Raux, Cindy Smith, Angela Salerno, Alicia Elberson, Liz Murphy, Vicki Davis

### Agenda Items

**Napoleon's Event:** February 16, 2019; Delos Burdick ran the fundraiser and it was the largest restaurant fundraiser of the year. He also offered free delivery if people signed up ahead of time.

**Reading Videos:** Seneca Street PTO has been posting a read-aloud story once a night during the month of March. Students and parents are encouraged to send in videos of themselves reading a book.

**Candy Bar Sales:** Lori Barretta reported that 26 boxes of chocolate were sold. We made \$510 from the candy sales.

**Box Tops:** Girls won the "Who Rules the School?" contest. \$245.40 was raised from this contest alone. The award was that the students wore pink/red to celebrate their victory. Students were very excited by the contest. With the ability to add dimes to the sheets instead of Box Tops, more sheets were completed.

**Treasurer's Report:** There were two payments that were left in limbo and will be completed by next meeting. One was a check for a field trip from last year that we have to determine if it was already paid and the other was an extra charge for the author visit.

### Upcoming Events

**April 11:** Inside Out Day. Students are encouraged to wear their clothes inside out.



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**April 24:** Clean-up/Family Fun Night; Debrucque Greenhouses said that they would donate small plants, rock painting, clean up school yard, take home gift, discussion of planting our own flowers (who would be responsible for planting them, supplies, etc...), discussion of doing a mum sale in the fall as Debrucques said that they would be willing to do that as a fundraiser for us.

**End of Year Festival:** "Camp Seneca" theme proposed. Ideas were tossed around for activities: rope tying, Oneida Fire Department with a small fire, boy scout leader, scavenger hunt

**Teacher Appreciation Week:** May 6-10; Designate a grade level to donate for each day: Breakfast K, Desserts 1, Salad Day 2/3, Supplies for teachers (wish lists) 4/5; Sign up through Sign up Genius; offer monetary donation option.

#### **Open Discussion:**

- Jen Raux asked if there was any money for reading for things like the poetry trophies, etc. She asked if this could be a line item for next year. It was decided to eliminate the paid for teacher luncheon to give the money to poetry trophies (\$100).
- School Field Days Committee asked PTO for donation of \$625 to provide two inflatable water slides (\$425) and snacks (\$200). PTO board member asked if we can supplement a donation with \$4/week per child for Spirit Week that is planned in April. That would probably raise the needed money. PTO board member also asked if we could get water and snack donations from Price Chopper or somewhere else, instead of giving a flat donation.
- It was decided to table Field Days Committee request until April meeting as there are several bills outstanding, and we are unsure of the funds that will be available. A majority vote tabled this until April.
- Discussion of requests for money: requests have to come to a meeting for a vote. The person who is making the request does not have to be present, but all requests have to come to a meeting. The budget cannot be amended without a vote by PTO members present at the meeting.
- Discussion of field trips: third grade is planning to go to the zoo. PTO will provide \$7.50 per child. Actual field trip will cost double that.



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- Discussion of Brad from Arise coming to a meeting to present as an education advocate. He would like to talk for 15 minutes at April or May PTO meeting. Members voted that it was a good idea.
- Cultural Festival committee asked for \$300 for the festival for decorations, supplies, and food. Discussion over other ways to get food: BOCES culinary program, OHS programs that might cook. Tabled until April.

**Motion to Adjourn by Melisa Mannix at 7:30 p.m., seconded by Angela Salerno**

**Next meeting is Wednesday April 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the school library.**