

Thorson PTO Meeting MINUTES



Meeting Date: February 14, 2022

Location: Virtual – Link will be posted to Thorson PTO page

Time Item

7:00 PM Welcome and Introductions

Karin Martino, Michelle Sauer, Amy Sterkenburg, Jen Stevens, Lindsay LaBlonde, Heather Reilly, Rebecca Baker, Erin Puro

7:05 PM Sign in/Review Minutes from last meeting

Michelle made a motion to approve minutes. All approved. Motion passed.

7:10 PM Principal's Report

- Thorson night huge success; lots of families attended; great showing of support; big thanks to Lynn Winter for all planning behind the scene – Pawsitive, Lightning
- PBIS-all school winter celebration was great; thank you to PTO for providing hot cocoa; thanks for Amy Sterkenburg for help; thanks for parents and volunteers to help; thanks to Katie Kowalkowski for heading PBIS committee and making this all happen
- February – Tolerance
- Thursday, February 17th 4:00-7:30 Parent/teacher conferences
- No School Friday, February 18th

7:15 PM Treasurer's Report

- General Fund: \$54,844.00
- Adjusted for outstanding and approaching items: \$54,278.00
- Legacy (TAG) Fund: \$8,225.00
- Good month: \$676.14 Kapco for people attending their light show
- \$90.90 Box top – done via app so it's lower
- \$500.00 dining for dollars (YTD \$1542.87)
- \$84.40 Rock Art (\$850.90 YTD)
- School won \$200 from Mathmania
- Check request forms to Jen in a timely manner
- All in favor of financial budget

7:25 PM All Other Business

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Business to Discuss:

- Posting of open board positions
 - Share that positions will be open
 - President, Vice President, Secretary
 - Need to get the word out differently about what PTO is and how can we get newer families involved more?
 - Send out to 4K and K parents about what PTO is?
 - Hopefully next year orientations will be in person and we can share more about what PTO is; could maybe do at sneak peek
 - Rebecca will look into what the PTO power point looks like and make some changes and send it out to board to see what needs to be added and then room parents can send it out to 4K and K
- Discussion of recurring fundraisers
 - Scout food drive for family sharing right now
 - April food drive benefiting Saukville food pantry
 - Don't want it to feel like they are competing with each other
 - Maybe in future one food drive could be in first semester and other one could be 2nd semester
 - Erin talked to Katie at length; food pantries need a lot of help this time of year
 - Could scouts and stuff the bus collaborate and do it together?
 - Some frustration brought to Michelle about some feeling of competition
 - Stuff the bus is all 3 elementary schools
 - People are happy to support both of these; just more fluid and collaborative or separation so they are more spread out
 - Moving forward, Erin will send out to all troops that if they are wanting to do a food drive, 1st semester would be a better time or work with Katie and Kathleen to either collaborate or separate them so there isn't confusion.
 - How is scout food drive going? It's a little slow right now, but every little bit helps; girls made the posters and will be excited with whatever they have to donate.

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- Hospitality Update – Heather Reilly
 - Plaque for Mr. Jeff: should get around spring break
 - We will have to decide how to give it to him
 - Out and Out delivering dinner for Thursday conferences
 - 3/14 is PI day
 - Signup to families to contribute pies for a pie bar for teachers
 - Will wait and see on budget for upcoming items
 - Any Other Business?
 - Grants (Rebecca Baker) – Molly Rasmussen
 - Improvements in Thorson's front garden
 - \$350.00 but some for May of 2023
 - \$90.00 for May of 2022
 - Is there a line item for Green Team in budget? Yes \$100
 - Don't want to get into habit of approving for future years
 - Motion to approve \$90.00 for conifer trees and open to approving rest in future but she will need to resubmit. Michelle seconded that. Motion approved.
 - Bella passed away tonight ☹ Candlelight vigil tonight at 8:00 pm at their home.
 - We will brainstorm ideas of what we can do to honor her; will talk to Lynn; thinking about planting a tree at Thorson in honor of her.
 - We used Bella's fund for Jeff's plaque.
 - We could write a grant request to plant a tree in her honor
 - Michelle will reach out to Lynn if she has other ideas and will let us know.
 - Put out feelers to see if anyone wants to chair a virtual variety show and there wasn't any interest so as of now it is not on the docket.
- 8:00 PM Adjournment
- Michelle moved to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:29pm.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

FEBRUARY

- 2/8 Dining for Dollars – New Fortune
- 2/14 PTO Meeting 7:00pm
- 2/18 No School

MARCH

- 3/4 Early Release
- 3/14 PTO Meeting 7:00 pm
- 3/18 No School
- 3/21-3/25 Spring Break – No School

APRIL

- 4/8 No School
- 4/11 PTO Meeting 7:00 pm
- 4/15 No School

NEXT PTO MEETING: Monday, March 14th at 7:00pm