

Pines Lake Elementary School PTO Meeting
November 1, 2021 7:30 PM
In Person in the LMC & Via Zoom

1. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 7:33 PM by President Katie Scheidt

2. Reading of the Prior Meeting Minutes or Motion to Waive Reading

- Motion to waive by Maria Vlahos and Karen Pollak

3. Motion to Accept Prior Minutes

- Motion accepted by Laura Winters and Maria Vlahos

4. Officer Reports

- President- Katie/Julia
 - The presidents said thank you to the following:
 - Trunk or Treat Committee for putting together a fun event and hitting our fundraising goal.
 - Karen Pollak and Heather Bandola for doing such a great job with the school store.
 - Karen Pollak and Lori Forbes for Boo Grams
 - Class Parents for all of their hard work with Halloween parties
 - Mr. Celis for getting dunked in the dunk tank
 - Outdoor Classroom- Julia and Katie met with the Garden Club. They began cleaning up, going over floor plans, and measuring for shaded areas. They would like to document the renovation so that students can learn the history of the project.
 - Katie reminded everyone to vote on Tuesday, 11/2
- Vice President- Maria/Allison
 - Maria said thank you to all committee members and participants of PTO events.
- Treasurer- Laura/Teresa
 - Laura said the following expenses were paid: summer reading supplies (pencils), assemblies, school store supplies, Wayne Council Scholarship, and 5th Grade Party
 - The following deposits were made: Spirit Wear, school store profits, Membership, Opt Out, Trunk or Treat
- Secretary- Joanne/Meredith
 - no report

5. Principal's Report

- Mr. Celis thanked the PTO for the assemblies, dunk tank, and Trunk or Treat
- He thanked Class Parents and was grateful for their creativity and their ability to keep in accordance with COVID guidelines for Halloween parties.

- He noted that PTO events have helped to maintain a level of normalcy.
- He thanked the PTO for their careful consideration of precautions and guidelines in order to keep everyone healthy and safe during activities and events.
- Upcoming events- He is looking down the road and beginning to plan for the Lion King musical with Ms. Deming. Also, he is beginning to think about the talent show and 5th grade activities.
- Mr. Celis said that Halloween was a successful day overall. He apologized for any confusion that occurred as a result of separating the parade into two sections.
- Teachers will be getting more information on mental health. It is important to be aware and vigilant of mental health issues that may arise particularly after having gone through a pandemic for the past year and a half. Mrs. Olaya is an excellent resource. Please reach out if you have any mental health concerns.

6. Teacher Report

- Mrs. Olaya said that the staff is very grateful for the volunteers and class parents.

7. Committee Reports

- Trunk or Treat- Chairs for this committee were not present at the meeting but the following information was reported by Katie – Thank you to Keila Watson, Kristen Huff, and Pablo Rosa for all of the time and energy you put into this event. Additionally, Pablo donated money for the police at the event so we did not have to use our profits to pay for this. The bracelets required to show proof of admission were donated by Kristen.
- School Store- Karen reported that the outdoor foot traffic has brought in a lot of money. Karen and Heather are trying to keep the store outdoors as long as possible. Numerous gift cards have been purchased.
- Boo Grams- Karen reported that this fundraiser did very well. It had such a good turnout that they had to buy additional supplies. Many families sent in extra money which allowed for every child to receive a boo gram. Karen thanked Lori Forbes for helping out with this fundraiser.
- Family Fun – Katie said to save the date of Friday, 1/7 for Snow Tubing Night at Campgaw. Be on the lookout for sign ups. A head count is needed by mid-December. Sign up will be time stamped.
- Raffle- We will be holding a raffle in December. We can pick up the license next week and start selling tickets as soon as they're printed. It is going to be a 50/50. The license is held by the Wayne Council of PTOs. The drawing will be held in the main office at 3:30 on 12/15.
- Holiday Boutique- This event will be held in person this year from 11/30 to 12/2. Boxes of items will be delivered around 11/22. Promotional materials will be arriving soon.
- Fifth Grade Activities- Katie said unfortunately the 5th grade Halloween Party was canceled due to inclement weather.
- Spirit Wear- Meredith reported that she and Vivian sorted, labeled and distributed all spirit wear items to the population with the exception of a few hoodies and the flannel

pants. Game Day has said that due to supply chain issues, the flannel pants are currently on back order and should be available soon.

- Restaurant -Diana Fornino was not able to attend the meeting but she reported to Meredith that Pines Lake School profited \$333.45 from the fundraising night at Wendy's.
- School Photos- Maria reported that retakes are 11/9. We have had seven families request retakes. Volunteers are not needed for retakes. Once retakes are completed, work can begin on class composites.
- Plant Sale- Allison and Jill reported that they will be holding a holiday plant sale. Delivery will be the same Friday of the Holiday Boutique. They will send a flier and google form for placing orders.
- Cultural Enrichment – Katie said thank you this committee for organizing an awesome outdoor animal assembly. Also thank you to Ms. Fedkenheuer and Mr. Celis for organizing the Autism Awareness and Anti-Bullying assembly with Kerry Magrow. We will be holding off on any more assemblies until Spring.
- Membership- Council deadline to pay dues is 11/30. If you haven't signed up by then you cannot join the PTO for this year. Your registration is not complete without \$7. You must be a member if you want to receive the PTO Newsletter and join the Facebook page.
- Opt Out- A few members have chosen to utilize this service and opt out of traditional fundraising.
- Wayne Alliance- Katie is our representative for this committee. She reported that this group has been discussing mental health awareness and substance abuse issues, which are affecting many people right now. Please reach out to receive services offered by the district.

8. Old Business- none

9. New Business-SEPAG (Special Education Parent Advisory Group). Allison is now our Pines Lake Representative.

10. Adjournment meeting was adjourned at 8:09

Minutes recorded by Meredith Snider