

NASHUA PTA MEETING

NOVEMBER 17, 2015

In Attendance

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| Stacey Croley | Stephanie Prohaska | Jen Walters |
| Corina Maberry | Stephen Maberry | Daniel Poolman, Jr. |
| Kim Pind | Heidi Hiebert | Jeanene Morris |
| Heather Stukekey | Robyn Tuwei | Meridith Lamb |
| Sarah Storie | Melissa Dieker | Mark Dieckman |
| Polly Blair | Julie Knight | Billi Erickson |
| Emily Garrett | Amy Poolman | Jennifer Robert |

Meeting called to order by Jen Robert.

2nd Grade Presentation –Ms. Blair and Ms. Knight and Mr. Dieckman

The 2nd Grade teachers presented on their recent field trip to the Kansas City Zoo. The field trip was paid in full by the Zoo through the tax revenue it receives from Jackson and Clay Counties. The admission for the students, teachers and chaperones was paid by the zoo as well as the transportation costs. The zoo provided guided tours in groups and a curriculum based binder. There were 3 animals chosen to study; tarantula, polar bear and penguins. The students had notebooks with questions prepared in advance and have worked on additional assignments in class related to what they learned. The Zoo will also be at Nashua in January with the Zoomobile for the 2nd Grade. In addition to these benefits the Zoo also gave each teacher \$250.00 for classroom spending.

Principal's Report—Mrs. Stukekey

Current enrollment is at 371 which is down 2 from last report.

Mrs. Stukekey reported on the fundraisers that occurred this month. Nashua raised \$323.00 for wound warriors and 1,753 pasta items were collected. A coat drive will begin November 23rd and run through January 8th.

Upcoming events include:

3rd/4th Grade Music Program November 19 at New Mark

4th/5th Grade Choir program

William Jewell Choir will come to Nashua on December 14th

October Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report-Jen Walters had nothing to present. Agenda had attached the current big ticket budget and spending.

President's Report—Jen Robert

Jen has made all committee chairs administrators of the PTA Facebook page. It is requested that the chairs post their own information to the page directly. If you are a chair and not named as administrator you will need to notify Jen.

The newsletter has deadline for information on the 15th of each month. Anything you would like added to the Nashua Newsletter needs to be sent in to Jen before that deadline.

Jen requests that all chairs notify her if they will be attending the upcoming PTA meeting and if they have anything they want to share or if they are not coming and need information to be presented on their behalf. Please be considerate and notify Jen so she does not have to send emails and text messages to all the chairs.

Fundraising—Melissa Nammavalay

Melissa was not in attendance. Jen Robert presented on her behalf. We recently requested parents to complete a survey about fundraising. Based on survey results and shortfall of fundraising dollars from the Read-A-Thon we will likely do a cookie dough fundraiser in February.

There was discussion about assemblies as a fund raiser as well as a Math-A-Thon instead of a Read-A-Thon next year. Nothing was decided. It would take volunteers to make either of those happen.

Survey Results - of **96 surveys received** (not everyone answered every question)

I prefer fundraisers with a product that I / my child can sell. - **54% said No**

I prefer to sell food (cookie dough, candy). - **evenly split, both sides around 49%**

I prefer to sell non-food items (catalog sales, wrapping paper, gift cards). - **65% said No**

I prefer fundraisers with prizes for the top sellers. - **75% said No**

I prefer fundraisers with a prize for the classroom with the most participants. - **50% said Yes**

I prefer fundraisers with a small prize for every participating student. - **53% said Yes**

I prefer fundraisers with assemblies so my child is excited to sell and earn prizes. - **65% said No**

I would prefer to have many smaller fundraisers all year long (these would either supplement a large fundraiser or we would need to do many of this type). - **85% said No**

I would prefer to have a fundraising event (fun night with an admission cost). - **67% said Yes**

I would volunteer to organize a fundraising event. - **81% said No**

I would volunteer for a shift at a fundraising event. - **59% said Yes**

I would prefer to fundraise during a different month. - **February (14), September (12), October (11)**

I support what the PTA is funding. - **91% said Yes**

Committee Reports

Family Fun Night--Stacey Croley

The budget for Family Fun Night is \$600.00. Stacey would like to hire a magician that will walk around the event and also do a short magic show. The cost is \$400.00 and the one she has chosen requires a \$200.00 deposit. A vote was not needed because it is within budget. She plans to obtain sponsors and donations to cover other costs.

Book Fair—Melissa Dieker

Results from the Fall Book Fair were \$5000.00 in total sales, of which we received \$1,600.00 in scholastic bucks and \$500.00 for PTA. There was discussion about keeping more of the scholastic dollars for PTA fundraising. Nothing was decided.

Amy Poolman asked about incorporating a Grandparents Day with the book fair. It has been done in the past and Melissa will look into it further.

Field Trip and Assembly Liaison-Jeanene Morris

Upcoming field trip November 20th for 1st Grade to the Coterie to see Charlie Brown's Christmas.

Hospitality-Billi Erickson

Nothing to report. It appears we have volunteers scheduled for the upcoming program.

Restaurant Nights—Amy Poolman

We have not received money from Wendy's Nights since December 2014. There has been a new manager during this time and he is trying to figure out how to calculate what is owed for past months.

The October Papa John's Night was not very successful. We did not have fliers provided on time for the October one and Papa John's gave us an extra \$20.00 due to their error.

There was discussion about adding Texas Roadhouse but they offer a monthly event and that may be excessive. We might consider doing one to test response. Chipotle was contacted but they do not have any openings currently to add schools.

Labels for Kids--Meridith Lamb

We should be receiving a deposit of around \$540.00 from labels. We may do a class competition as incentive to get labels sent in but it wouldn't be until after the 1st of the year.

School Board Advocate—Meridith Lamb

Meridith was unable to attend the last School Board Meeting but presented on information available from their site. Additional Defibrillators are being put in place throughout the district. An amendment was proposed to the Northland Innovation Campus Lease to provide gender neutral restrooms requiring modifications to the current building. NKC is the 4th largest district in the state. Statistics were provided showing the growth within our district on proficiency testing as well as graduation rates and attendance.

Mercury Gym Night—Heidi Hiebert

We made \$78.00 from our November Mercury Gym night.

Staff Appreciation—Heidi Hiebert

If you would like a list of teacher favorites for gift planning you can email the PTA to request a teacher's list.

Skating Party—Katie Jones

We made \$54.00 from our November Riveroll Skate Night.

Spirit Wear—Rhianna Elkins

We have small and medium shirts in stock. Rhianna is working on a flyer with different designs to garner preferences for future orders.

Stacey Croley suggested selling Spirit Wear at upcoming music programs. Volunteers would be needed to make this happen.

Discussion ensued regarding how to make credit card payment an option. There are various ways to set up to take credit cards but each have their setbacks and no good solution has been found yet.

Trash Bags—Donna Shepherd

We are still trying to sell the last of the trash bags in stock.

Yearbook—Emily Garrett

After researching other options for a yearbook vendor Emily has found Entourage. It will provide a 48 page yearbook at a lower cost to PTA. They have an iPhone App called Entourage LINK that can be used to upload photos. Any photos provided need to have a caption that gives teacher name or grade level so they can be put in proper place in yearbook. Anyone needing to send photos to someone else to upload can send to Emily at her email address garrett.emilye@gmail.com or to pta.nashua@gmail.com. She welcomes any input on a theme or other suggestions. The price of yearbooks goes up to \$16.00 on January 15th.

Proposal—Mrs. Stukey

A request was made for the PTA to purchase 5 new walkie talkies at a cost of \$216.00 each. It is felt there is a need for a walkie talkie to be available in each hall and for the nurse and counselor. If power is out the only way they can communicate effectively is through the walkie talkies. Stacey Croley suggested further research on walkie talkies that would be less expensive. Mrs. Stukey advised the walkie talkies she got the price quote for were the ones the district uses.

A motion was made by Jen Walters for the PTA to give a gift not to exceed \$1,100.00 to reimburse the purchase of the walkie talkies. Heidi Hiebert seconded and the motion passed.

Staley TRY, Love & Logic Parenting Classes—Jeanene Morris

Laura Murphy is a parenting coach that teaches Love & Logic Parenting. She is offering a class that is one night a week for 4 weeks in the month of February. It was requested that 4 different elementary schools host a night. Jeanene was given permission to follow up and try to coordinate a schedule to include one night at Nashua.

Bylaws—Jen Robert

Bylaws have to be revised every 3 years. A committee consisting of Jen Robert, Jen Walters, Meridith Lamb and Billi Erickson made revisions and the revisions were reviewed in the meeting. PTA membership fee will be raised from \$5.00 to \$6.00.

Jen Walters motioned to approve the Bylaws as revised by the committee.

Stacey Croley seconded and the motion passed.

Announcements include upcoming budget meetings in January and February and no PTA meeting in December.

Meeting adjourned.