

Springfield Township Home & School

Meeting Minutes

2/13/2018

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

Executive Board present- Kathy Stizza, Rana Smith, Jenn Mancini-Wallrath, Traci Leonard-Kownacki, Melina Walker, Jennifer Smith, Christina Kalm. Mrs. Sepessy present.

Secretary's Report- copies of last month's minutes are available at tonight's meeting. Motion to approve made by Christine Sullivan and 2nd by Mrs. Sepessy.

Treasurer's Report- Kathy Stizza reviewed the report that was made available at the meeting. Balance sheet shows current assets and what's been appropriated. Northern Scholarship for Springfield alumni is on there as well. \$1000 each will go to two worthy Springfield alumni. Motion to approve made by Mrs. Batchler and 2nd by Mrs. Secouler.

Sunshine Update- Jennifer Smith went over cards and baskets sent. Please let us know if there is any news that we need to be aware of.

Assembly Update- Rana discussed. Next assembly is Jillian's Jitterbug Foundation. The last assembly of the year will be the No Bully Magic Show on May 10th.

Family Fun Nights/Fundraising-

5th & 6th grade dance is on Friday, March 9th from 7-9pm. Committee: Christine Sullivan and Christina Kalm. No theme for the dance. Meeting after tonight's H&S meeting to discuss details.

Bubble Soccer is on Friday, March 23rd from 6-9pm and will be for grades 4-6.

Ladies Bingo is on Saturday, March 24th at Franklin Firehouse. "Pamper Yourself" is the theme. There will be a brief meeting after this H&S meeting. Volunteers needed on the night of to help set up and break down. Anyone interested in helping please see chairperson Vicki Aaronson. Traci showed some of the bingo purse prizes. If anyone

sees bargains on purses and other items that can be used in tricky trays please take a picture and text to either Vicki or Traci.

Old or Ongoing Business:

Kids Bingo- Melissa Knox and Christina Kalm discussed event. Kids had fun. 17 pizzas sold. Pizzas were delivered this year which made it easier.

Someone Special Dance- Jenn Smith and Melina discussed that the event was fantastic. Thank you to all who donated desserts. The only problem was that there were too many kids running around. It is hard to discipline those attending when their parent/chaperone is also there. We need to be strict about cutting off RSVP on the date listed on flyer. Total of 208 attended (children and adults). Last year about 110 people attended. Melina suggested maybe having 2 separate times for the dance next year- for PreK 1-1½ hours and then the older kids following?

June Frolic- Kathy Stizza discussed. Theme this year is Pirates. We need lots of volunteers to make this event a success! Thank you to all who came out for the meeting the other night! Brief meeting following tonight's H&S meeting to discuss details.

New Business:

Bubble Soccer- Kathy Stizza asked for \$350 budget for this event. All in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions. Motion passed.

5th & 6th Grade Dance- Kathy Stizza asks for \$200 budget to be used for decorations, prizes, tableware, etc. All in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions. Motion passed. DJ is already appropriated.

Non-Profit Insurance- Kathy Stizza explains the purpose of this policy. Injuries at H&S events are covered under the school's insurance but monetary loss is not. Vicki purchased this policy last year to cover cash box loss/theft or any other monetary loss. Current policy expires on 2/15/18. Kathy Stizza states that this policy at a cost of \$350 per year makes sense because we have a lot of events outside of school. Kathy Stizza makes motion to allot \$350 to renew policy. All in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions. Motion passed. Kathy Stizza to renew tomorrow.

Mrs. Secouler, President of Teacher's Association, spoke on behalf of the teachers. Teachers have been working without a contract since June and are at a stale mate. They haven't met with the Board of Ed. since September 25th. Mrs. Secouler states that

they can't be available beyond their contract- nothing against the school or the community. "We are a team and we are working together." Teachers will not be available to come back for functions, meetings before or after contracted times either. They have requested a mediator to help settle. Please reach out to Mrs. Secouler with any questions.

Next Board of Education meeting is on February 20th.

Shelly Guevera discussed NB Referendum. Vote is on March 13th. There are lots of improvements that need to be done. Security is a major issue. The students need to walk outside from West to East buildings and if weather is really bad "shelter in place" is put in place, which means that the students aren't learning at that time. If we vote referendum through now it will save us money in the long run. The high school was built in the 1960s while the middle school was built in the 1980s. If referendum is approved residents of Springfield will see an average increase of \$17.28/month on their taxes. Springfield's tax rate for this is a little higher because we don't have as many businesses to offset.

Meeting adjourned at 7:39pm.