

Springfield Township Home & School

Meeting Minutes

3/13/2018

Meeting called to order at 6:55pm.

Executive Board present- Leslie Brewer, Rana Smith, Jenn Mancini-Wallrath, Traci Leonard-Kownacki, Melina Walker, Jennifer Smith, Kristy McCadden, Christina Kalm. Mr. Vaughn and Mrs. Sepessy present.

Leslie Brewer stepping in for Kathy Stizza tonight due to Kathy having other obligations.

Ladies Bingo- Leslie discussed that bingo is 2 weeks away. Jenn Mancini spoke about ticket sales- 70 tickets sold so far. Traci stated that we are planning on 150 tickets being sold. The facility holds more than 150 but no more than 175. Once the tickets are sold out it's not possible to sell anymore seats.

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

Treasurer's Report- Kristy McCadden reviewed the report that was made available at the meeting. Balance sheet shows current assets and what's been appropriated. There's \$10700 in assets which have all been appropriated. Northern Scholarship for Springfield alumni is on there as well. Motion to approve made by Mrs. Sepessy and 2nd by Miss Pence.

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- Leslie discussed. Penny Wars is finished- raised \$702. Next assembly is Jillian's Jitterbug Foundation this Friday. The last assembly of the year will be the No Bully Magic Show on May 10th.

Spring Holiday- Melina discussed- any HHRPs who haven't already done so need to contact teachers to find out their needs. Grades PreK-3rd grade there will be an egg hunt- allowed 3 parent volunteers per class to assist with the egg hunt. Grade PreK-3rd

head homeroom parents provide treat and drink. Grades 4-6 only treat and drink, no egg hunt.

Kids Clubs- Leslie discussed that there will be no spring sessions but hope to resume in the fall.

Family Fun Nights/Fundraising-

5th & 6th grade dance is on Friday, March 29th from 7-9pm. Check with parents who had previously signed up to make sure that they are still able to donate refreshments and/or chaperone.

Bubble Soccer is on Friday, March 23rd from 6-9pm and will be for grades 4-6. Traci discussed. In lieu of entry fee all students attending are encouraged to bring nonperishable food item(s) to benefit St. Vincent de Paul in Mt. Holly. H&S to provide snack and water.

Bella Mia fundraiser will be held on March 21st. We receive 15% of sales for takeout and dine-in when flyer is shown.

Old or Ongoing Business:

June Frolic- June Frolic- Jenn Mancini discussed that volunteers are still needed: solicitors for goods as well as volunteers to put baskets together, volunteers to man games, etc. June Frolic meeting following tonight's H&S meeting is rescheduled for after April's H&S meeting. Mini meeting needed before April's meeting though (in another week or so).

- Ballot vote needed to additional \$2000 towards June Frolic:
 - 28 yes, 0 no. Ballot passed.

Electronic Raffle- Traci discussed that paperwork is in and the prizes have been purchased. Prize tickets will be pulled at June Frolic. Tickets are \$2 each. 20 tickets will be in each student's envelope for a total of \$40 worth of tickets in each envelope. For each full pack of 20 tickets sold, the student will get one entry to win a Mini iPad. If a student sells 6 full packs, or 120 tickets, then the student will earn 6 entries into the Mini iPad drawing.

Leslie states to make sure that you sign in at every meeting you are present at in order to meet the minimum number of meetings required to be a HHRP next year.

New Business:

Leslie states that we will open up the floor for any public discussion for 3 minutes.

Mr. Andrew Eaton spoke about negotiations with the teachers' union. They met March 16, 2017 and had 9 meetings until September 26, 2017. At the September 26th meeting the teachers' union walked away from the negotiation table. An impasse (application to the State of NJ was made) was declared, therefore the Board was no longer able to negotiate. The State asked if the Board is at an impasse. The Board said "no" and stated that they think there is still room for negotiations. A mediator has been assigned recently. Mr. Eaton states that since the September 26th meeting the Board's hands have been tied. He stated that an offer had been turned down by the teachers' union at that meeting.

Mr. Madia spoke about negotiations as well. A lot of people have been coming up to him asking questions about negotiations. "Why aren't there Kids Clubs and Homework Club (which are paid positions)?" "Why is there no Talent Show?" "Why are the boards and other decorations taken off of the hallway walls?" Parents are concerned that things are now starting to affect and hurt our children. Mr. Madia states that these things are union tactics for negotiations.

Mrs. Secouler (President of STEA) spoke as well. Mrs. Secouler stated that she will not be getting specific on negotiations. "Your children are our children." Mrs. Secouler states that they walked away from an offer that none of the teachers deserved. They were offered 0% for 3 years- no increments, no retroactive pay, no movement on pay scale. They asked for help from the State. They didn't want to walk away. A mediator has been assigned and will hopefully come to the table soon.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.