

March 2016 Pelham PTO Minutes

Attendance: Andrea Allees, Heather Edwards, Matt Wolaver, Jessica Hanson, Margaret Light, Lisa Desjarlais, Megan Cannon, Danna Brown, Monica Brown

Meeting started at 6:10 p.m.

Treasurer's Report: Currently \$6,496.35 in account. Received grant from Florence Savings Bank for \$798. Also received a donation for \$241. Pub Night earned \$125

Upcoming dinner fundraisers: Amherst Pub March 29, Bertucci's April 25th
Matt W. will talk to Arizona Pizza about setting up April 14th. We discussed tie-in with a roller skating event beforehand.

Family Fun Night: Well attended, especially with lots of new families. We earned \$293 from raffle tickets sold. Lisa D. is requesting photos from the event from whoever took some to send them to her. Discussed giving Mr. G a gift for his time. Next year: Need to play more appropriate music in both the Zumba Room and Gym. There was a parent complaint about inappropriate lyrics.

Calendar Raffle: Lisa C. is coordinating. Raffle sales seem to be going well. We received more gifts and donations than we needed and will use the extra prizes for a silent auction.

Box Top Competition: 5th grade won the contest. We will find out a good date from the teacher to hold a movie & popcorn party.

Shed Organization: Jessica H. will find a date and email it out to PTO members to help organize the shed.

Spring Fair: Jessica H. is coordinating. May 1st from 12-4. Received donations from Target \$50, Trader Joe's \$30, Stop & Shop \$50. Megan C. will pick up gift card from Trader Joe's on May 1st.

In trying to entice older kids to come to the fair, we decided to rent a dunk tank and ask the 6th graders to be dunked. We will rent a bounce house, as well as have the obstacle course.

Discussed hiring a band or DJ. Matt W. will ask around to see if anybody in a band could help out.

Will try to get the farm animals back this year.

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon: Need to set date at next meeting.

Principal's Report: The school has received a grant of \$300 to build a community garden. PTO has matched that grant and will donate \$300. Eight garden beds will be built on school grounds.

A group of parent and community volunteers will plan and build it. We discussed the possibility of starting a composting program, using discarded school lunches.