

TEPTO

August 19, 2015

IN ATTENDANCE

Jolene Barron, Tonya Fritzinger, Koren Conner, Mary VanBlargan, Brenda Fredericks, Julie Leopard, Cheryl Sitlinger, Rachael Smith, Melissa Hess, Judy Vacula, Steve Behr, Lori Gormley, Jenn Florea, Melanie Murray, Shannon Fannock, Corinne Miller, Rhonda Hope, Doreen Milot

The Secretary's report was approved by Judy Vacula and Mary VanBlargan.

The Treasurer's report was not presented this month.

President's Report

- Missie discussed the new PTO brochure and explained a bit about what TEPTO does, why we felt a brochure was needed, and reasons that TEPTO needs to fundraise. The brochure will be sent home with all students when membership forms are also sent home.
- Room Captains and Committees will be formed at the September meeting. Please encourage others to attend this important meeting.
- Mr. Behr discussed the new law requiring clearances for all volunteers who will have contact with children. He also shared a volunteer packet that has been developed for all parents and will be sent home with all students. Parents needing clearances do not need to complete them for each organization with which they volunteer. Clearances only need to be obtained once, and the originals should be presented to other organizations as needed. Adults wishing to join TEPTO can be members without needing clearances. Anyone who attends events as a spectator does not need clearances. Parents who will be interacting with children in a supervisory role (For example as field trip chaperones, running activities at Olympic Day, Santa's workshop/Book Fair volunteers, etc.) must obtain clearances. They can be obtained online or by mail at no cost to volunteers and all directions are in the volunteer packet given to each child in school.

Committee Reports

Fundraisers

- Several ideas for fundraisers were presented and discussed. Some ideas were a walk for diabetes, Tamaqua logo cups, and a Bingo/Chinese Auction. All ideas will be presented to the committee for further exploration.

School Store

- Volunteers are needed to help run the school store at Open House on 8/20 from 6pm-9pm

Family Night/Dances

- Dance dates still need to be determined
- Other options to bring in additional money were also discussed such as opening dances to other grades or holding movie nights for younger students.

Yearbook

- Jenn Florea will be taking over this task, but she needs many people to help due to her job.
- Tonya Fritzinger and Mary VanBlargan volunteered.

Book Fair

- The book fair will be held in late February. It is tentatively scheduled for Feb. 22-26, but more days will most likely be added in order to allow enough time to accommodate all classes.

Holiday

- Due to finances it is possible that a gift will only be presented to fifth graders from now on.

Olympic Day

- Olympic Day will be held in May. The date is TBA, but will be close to the end of the school year.

Santa's Workshop

- Santa's workshop will need to be held for two weeks in order to allow enough time to accommodate all grades. A discussion was also held regarding the possibility of adding a family shopping night.

Membership

- Letters will go home with the students this week at Open House.
- It was also determined that membership fees will be raised from \$3.00 to \$5.00 for adults, and from \$1.00 to \$2.00 for seniors.

Picture Day

- Picture days will be held during the first week in September.
 - September 1st – Grades K, K+, 1
 - September 2nd – Grades 2 – 3
 - September 3rd – Grades 4 – 5
- Help is needed during all three days.

Labels/Boxtops

- Teachers are asked to hold boxtops/labels in their classrooms. A letter will be going home with students, and a competition will be held again sometime this year.

Ink Cartridges

- Keep sending in printer ink cartridges for recycling.

Fire Prevention

- The fire departments will hold fire prevention on October 5th. They will be bringing either smoke tents or an inflatable house.

Raider Run

- The Raider Run will be held in the spring, most likely on Olympic Day.
- The possibility of asking businesses to help defray costs by donating postage, copying, envelopes or labels was discussed.
- An idea was presented for parents to have the option to provide either an email or a physical address on labels sent home with students to broaden the scope for donations, while also helping to lower mailing costs.

5th Grade Party/Trip

- A committee of interested parents needs to be formed as soon as possible to begin planning.
- An organizational meeting will be held at 6:00pm on September 8th in the library before the regular PTO meeting.

Holiday Celebration

- There is interest in planning a program for the last day before Christmas break.

Talent Show

- Mrs. Fiorilla will need help with the Talent Show this year.

Programs

- Mr. Fasnacht is looking for help to plan programs.
- Most programs will need to have at least two shows, but since only one day will be needed costs should be significantly less than they have been in the past.
- The Raider Foundation will sponsor the AG Van again. This will most likely take place in November.

New Business

- The position of co-treasurer needs to be filled due to Lori Fannock stepping down.
 - Gretchen has expressed interest in possibly asking a teacher to help with this task.
- Room counts will begin in October.

Adjournment: Motion by Corinne Miller/Second by Tonya Fritzinger

Next meeting: September 8th at 6:30pm