



Ichabod Crane Central PTA

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Meeting Minutes

Type of Meeting:	Monthly public meeting	Location:	Ichabod Crane Middle School Library
Facilitator:	Nikki McArthur	Secretary:	Mary Claire Holliday
Call to order:	7:05 quorum established	Date:	Wednesday November 11, 2020

Present: Mary Claire Holliday, Melissa Miller, Michael Miller, Nikki McArthur, Nicole Williams, Andrea Williams, Daria Merwin, Alison Becker, Nicole ODonnell, Tim Farley, Kathy Dady, Jenn McGrath, Crystal First

I. Opening Procedures:

Presider: Nikki McArthur

Discussion: read minutes Oct, no problems noted

Conclusions: motion made by Tim to approve minutes, seconded by Nicole Williams, motion carried.

II. Correspondence

Presented by: Mary Claire Holliday

Discussion: no new messages from teachers/communities, but PTA has been reaching out via Facebook to encourage membership.

Conclusions: - none

III. Membership

Presented by: Nicole Williams

Discussion: Currently have 71 members, Andrea put out a message to join PTA, Tim said he would do that at the MS as well. Will get any new memberships from Crystal.

Conclusion: follow up with Crystal and Mrs. Schmidt

IV. Budget

Presented by: Melissa Miller

Discussion: Spent \$647 on assorted Halloween activities through the school, KJ's, and the Kinderhook Business Association.

Conclusions: None

V. Fundraisers

Presented by: Nikki McArthur

Discussion: Still interested in Silver Graphics - will do in spring if interest is there. Planning on Gertrude Hawk, but planning for less revenue than previous year just in case.

Ichabod Crane masks -Andrea transitioned this to PTA so we could use as a fundraiser – passed along company info and is working with Nikki McArthur.

Conclusions: Andrea will speak to art teachers to see if they would be interested and what kind of help they might need. She will also help with getting the ICC logo for us to use and send us company info.

VI. Events

Presented by: Nikki McArthur

Discussion: All Halloween activities went well. Town of Kinderhook Business association did a story for kids and then we had a table set up to distribute candy. Halloween craft went off over zoom without any issues

KJ's Gymnastics trunk or treat went well – decorated a trunk, KJ's did a great job keeping everyone spaced apart and safe.

Race to Read – Kate Cabral did get in touch with Primary school librarian and they are looking to do this at the end of Dec, will most probably be virtual – possibly pre-recorded

BINGO over zoom - send link to participants to download card and have caller online – scheduled for Nov 20

Breakfast with Santa – Change to reading of Polar Express in the evening on Dec 18, and send home bell/hot chocolate/cookie cutter. Cross eyed Owl still interested in doing a virtual sale for the Christmas boutique or dedicating some time when people could physically be in the store to shop (although this would have to be carefully coordinated as there is a current occupancy limit of 10 people at a time).

Still interested in a movie night come spring when the weather gets nicer

Conclusions: Mary Holliday will continue to explore possibilities for BINGO, and someone will check with Mainstreet Diner to gauge interest in takeout pancake breakfasts

VII. Principal's Report

Presented by: Tim Farley and Andrea Williams

Discussion: Andrea Williams – approached Melissa Miller for Arts in Ed coordinator but had to turn down due to other commitments, also looking into coordinator for Odyssey of the Mind – has a stipend but current coordinator had to step down. Testament to procedures for cleaning and mask wearing - positive cases have not translated into further spread of illness in given classroom.

Tim – Picture days went well – many remote students came; just put out a schedule for picture retake days and conference days. If want a conference at the 6-8 grade level, need to request a time. Traveling Lantern - arts program thru arts in education – broadcast live to the students so students can still interact, have 4-5 plays from which to choose, looking to do with K-8. Tim will do paperwork for his school, and Andrea can do for PS. Sasha is still doing program for 5th grade as well – has a virtual version of it, so looking into that as well.

Conclusions: none

VIII. New Business

Presented by: Nikki McArthur

Discussion: All students have a school email, but generally do not utilize it in younger grades

Conclusions: none

Meeting adjourned at 7:59

Next Meeting: January, 2021