

## **RCS PTO Meeting Minutes**

Monday, November 18, 2019

7:00 PM--Rockford Christian School

**Board Members:** Megan, Sara, Rachel, Aubrey

Members Present: 11

Megan

### **Open with Prayer and Welcome**

Megan thanked everyone for coming and opened with prayer. Since our agenda was so short this month, the board decided to meet at Grill 111 in order to have more time to fellowship and build community.

### **Teacher/Principal Report**

Mr. Buursma could not be in attendance because he had a meeting in Grand Rapids, which conflicted with the PTO meeting. He does have an update on vision work, which has been suggested by our guiding coalition, and he will share this at the January meeting.

### **Treasurer's Report**

There was not a new update since the last report.

### **Re-Cap Events**

There were no events to recap.

### **Operation Christmas Child Update**

Katie B

Volunteers had met to construct boxes and organize supplies. Students and teachers were in the process of packing boxes and writing letters for the children who will be receiving them. Volunteers were not needed this year to help with the packing.

### **New Business**

- **Athletic Uniforms:** The 5th grade boys basketball uniforms were brought up at the meeting. The uniforms do not fit the players appropriately; they are way too big. When viewing other teams in the league, it has been noticed that their uniforms fit the players more appropriately. Questions were raised about how the uniforms are purchased. Who orders the uniforms? Are the uniforms second hand from GRCHS because they are so large on the 5th grade boys? On the flip side the short shorts for the 7th and 8th grade girls' volleyball team were also mentioned.
- **Renaming the Daddy-Daughter Dance and Mother-Son Event:** Earlier in the year, Mr. Buursma had requested that these events be renamed so that they are more inclusive. He suggested that renaming the events would be more sensitive to students who may not have a mother or father to attend the event. There was a lot of discussion about this. Some other names like "Sweetheart Swirl" were mentioned; however, it doesn't fit with this year's disco theme. (The disco theme would save the PTO money because the items that were purchased for last year's auction could be reused, which is fiscally smart.)
- Another idea that was mentioned during this discussion was switching up the Daddy-Daughter and Mother-Son events to every other year. One year would be the Daddy-Daughter Dance and

Mother-Son event, and then the next year could be a Mother-Daughter event and Father-Son event. This is open for more discussion.

- A whole family event was suggested, which segues into Winterfest.
- **Winterfest:** Due to inclement weather, Winterfest has always been a rather unpredictable event to organize. Typically, Camp Roger or the 3 Mile Project have been the Winterfest venues. With Camp Roger, we are at the mercy of the weather. With the 3 Mile Project, the price has increased (Extra \$100 per hour) if the Ninja Course is included, which excludes many first graders, kindergartners, and all preschoolers because a child must be six to use it. Hosting a Family Fun Night at school would be more feasible. A carnival night was suggested and an outline sent to the board. It was felt that a carnival was a wonderful and fun idea. However, the board felt that, with the work and number of volunteers a carnival requires, it would be hard to pull it off this January. The board also recognized that it would be difficult to coordinate a carnival in an auction year. With this being said, the idea of a carnival is off the table for this year and next (auction year), but it is an idea that we would like to revisit, and possibly carry out, in the future.
- Members were enthusiastic about having a Family Fun night in January. Since there isn't much time for planning, keeping it simple is a priority. All of the members present liked the idea of a family movie night. The name Family Fun Flick Festival was presented. The PTO would need to purchase the rights to show a movie. Megan quickly texted Lisa Nyenhuis, who is involved with the River Rock Movie Nights. Lisa's feedback was that it costs about \$280 for a newly released Disney Movie. The Winterfest budget currently has \$475.00, which would cover that cost as well as concessions, like popcorn, that could be sold. Location was debated. Should the movie be shown in the gymnasium or Worship Center? It was agreed that the Worship Center has better acoustics and already has big screens in place to show the movie. The board would like to discuss this idea with Mr. Bakker because we do not want to create more work for him, and there are concerns about spilled popcorn and drinks in the Worship Center.
- The PTO is tentatively looking at scheduling the Family Fun Night for mid-January. This would mean that it could occur before the next PTO meeting.

### **Next Meeting**

Due to Christmas break, there is no meeting scheduled for December. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 20, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the staff lounge at Rockford Christian School.