



## TCS PTO

February 2024 Minutes

Date: 2/21/24

**In Attendance:** Amanda Goodwin, Angie Preisendorfer, Bri Feather, Kassandra Campbell, Anita Ross, Steven Babin (guest of Anita Ross, graduating member of TCS and member of the community; running for School Board and came to see how the PTO is run) and, Vivica Duffield.

Meeting called to order at 5:32

**Minutes:** Postponed approval of 1/17/24 minutes until March.

**Balance-** Treasurer reported both accounts (explained later) have about \$7200. Old account awaiting check to Bob King to clear as he hasn't deposited the check yet. Angie P. was checking in with Bob to see when this would be accomplished. Raffle has made ~\$3,700 to date with a few more \$\$ needed to be totaled.

Open items:

- Send receipt (\$64.77) for carnations to Amanda (Sarah Young)
- Movie Night receipts still needing to be sent (popcorn, hot chocolate)

**PTO Secretary:** Richard Young has been voted in as the Secretary.

**Ladders Teacher Gift Cards-** Ladders gave PTO 4 \$25 Gift Cards for teachers. Response to "How could PTO be more involved, or what can PTO do for you?" received 1 reply with an affirmation that we are doing a good job. Towards the end of the 2/21/24 meeting the TCS PTO discussed using the GCs for the teachers by purchasing them a Keurig (or other type of coffee maker) for events at the school (Movie Nights, Board meetings, Community events). At the moment they have not been used yet.

**Fundraiser Committee Updates:** Calendar has raised ~\$3,700 to date. A lot of payments via Venmo and Paypal. Request to research flower companies for upcoming Mother's Day flower orders. Options to look outside of past companies however, not much needs to change as feedback has always been positive with the hanging baskets. Order forms go out early Apr. Motion was put forward to form a Committee (members to be decided). Past company was Wentworth. Motion was approved.

**Movie/Game Night Committee-** Movie night occurred and was mostly PTO families. We enjoyed it and a survey was sent out to gather feedback on other potential times to get more community involvement.

Lessons Learned:

- Apple products don't work with the projector
- Coffee maker was not great (potential option to purchase Keurig at Ladders with the GCs previously mentioned)
- Have donation table to spread awareness
- Add to the newsletter
- Survey monkey - 6 responses, Fridays vs weekend, time change potential, shorter movies for shorter attention spans
- Open gym idea vs movie nights to just let the kids play (still not a drop off event).

**Valentines Day:** Feedback was it went well, teachers and staff loved them and all were passed out.



**Sign-up Genius** - Heard and seen good uses for the school/teachers to use this and it could be purchased by the PTO. Members of the PTO motioned and agreed to ask the teachers if it is wanted.

Open Items:

- Send email/notice to teachers to ask if this is something the teacher could use
- Amanda G. will send out level options and research if it is worth it (how many logins needed, level costs, usability)

**Daycare for meeting:** JHS has volunteered to provide childcare for students. Submitted facilities request form, will bring movies to watch. Will create a sign in sheet for the event with contact number. Will be held in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class rooms, no food or drink, no changing diapers (2 and older), will notify parents if there is someone that needs to be attended to if required. Time planned 5:15 - 8:00pm (JHS students have volunteered to stay later). SAU office asked for the plan so they could put it in their Newsletter to get the information out to the town.

Open item:

- Librarian (Vivica) said she would look into potential First Aid and CPR classes for the JHS students to potentially increase the favorability of parents leaving their kids with them during the Budget Hearing

**Budget hearing:** PTO members agreed no refreshment table this time around but potentially at other meetings and a PTO table for donations and PTO awareness

**Scholarship** Submitted- \$750 amount for one student, any student who graduated from TCS changed.

**New Bank:** account set up, and approved for tax-exempt Status, moving money into new account and will close old account once check to Bob King clears. Name on the card for the new account will be the Treasurer.

**Venmo/Paypal** Nonprofit Active: @TCSPTO. We can pay and be paid via this account.

**Tax form-** Open item: Still needs to be submitted

**Crayon Initiative-** Cassandra ran through all the items that can be donated (crayons, makers, pencils #2, colored pencils, sharpies, glue sticks, etc). PTO members motioned and voted to move forward to have a collection bin at the front and potentially in the classrooms as the end of the year comes to a close and there are extra, old, broken items to be donated.

Open items: Email to Mr. Bownes to request permission on a collection method, in whatever way he will approve.

**Events Committee:** Vivica brought up the event of Sugar Run Snow and that Mr. Benton wants to host or do something to keep this tradition alive in Thornton. Possible dates are Mar or early Apr on a Saturday. Event would have shaved ice, pickles, scavenger hunt. Guest, Steven Babin suggested to contact Andy Downing, the caretaker of the church at Crossroads as they might have an event space there for it. They don't have running water but a good sized meeting hall and there are porta potties. Also mentioned was to contact Brad (?), Manager at Owl's Nest as we could utilize our Non-Profit status to be able to hold an event there for free (write off for Owl's Nest) or The Jack.

**Additional Business** Amanda mentioned that the Campton PTO reached out about how we achieved 501c3 status and was interested in doing the same.

Meeting adjourned at 6:38pm

**Next meeting:** March 20<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm