NEWPORT ELEMENTARY PTO MEETING

4/11/24

Call to order 6:31

1. Introductions/Welcome: Katie Baldwin, Heather Simpson, Autumn Gehr-Shope, Janna Zentichko, Mathew Young, Jordan Nash, Kristen Vilk, Lauren Kerlin

Virtual: Karen Smith

1. Treasurer’s report: Heather Simpson
   1. General account: 4,433.78
   2. Donations Account: 1,056.70
   3. Project Fund (Playground): 25,774.46
   4. Teacher/Staff appreciation budget: 116.16
2. Old Business
3. School Store: Very busy. The school issued attendance bucks for the 3rd marking period. Many teachers and staff members commented on how excited the kids were to visit the school store.
4. 5k Update: 30 people sign up, 6100 in sponsors. Waiting on a $100 check from Members first. Good Day PA went well- no increase in sign-ups or sponsors. Some swag has come in Tutu’s, beads, safety pins, and pictures at the finish line. Autumn will pick up sponsorship signs. Will try to push social media promotions.
5. Little Buffs Day May 28th: Janna talked with Missy Briggs about Little Buffs Day– unsure about inflatables. The truck cannot drive onto the softball field. Will try to meet again to solidify a plan.
6. Mini-thon: $1 per kid again request- Janna and Katie approve- donation account
7. Talent Show awards: $120 requested for awards- Janna and Katie approve- donation account.
8. Kindergarten registration table: The volunteer sheet is out. April 22nd and 24th from 3:15- 8:00. Sign up sheet is up. Volunteers are still needed.
9. Art show volunteers: Katie working with Mrs. Heimbaugh to try and coordinate volunteers to help out. More information to come.
10. Champions: Working on a movie night and a date night. Trying to have a booth at mini thon. Need people to sign up for summer camp to have a program. Students do not need to come every week to camp. Only pay for the weeks you are there—field trips- are included in the tuition. Look for flyers from Champions.
11. Ideas for the remainder of this school year:
    1. Glow party for 5th graders- Looking into the cost of lights. We may wait until next year to try this event.
    2. Little bags of fun for 5th graders leaving - Will need donations, and volunteers to assemble.
    3. Rock, Paper, Scissors tournament for staff: Sent out a questionnaire asking who would want to participate- 20 responses out of 87 only 9 said yes. Possibly try again in the fall.
    4. Stay afloat for the last week of May for staff - May 27th- No school Monday. The last day of school is Thursday. We will need donations and volunteers to set up.
12. Playground update: no minutes from January or April - Grants have been put on hold until 501c.3 status is resolved. Event for the fall- planning a reveal event for the community. Tentatively September 14th. Set up as a fun day for families, in the courtyard. The plan is to project a vision for the playground on a screen. Activities going on for the families- food. Possible idea of having decade tents. More information will be coming out. Will schedule a meeting to talk about proposed ideas from the Playground committee.

1. New business
   1. Bylaws vote- Janna and Heather approved
   2. Vote on new board: Autumn Gehr-Shope for VP, Jordan Nash for treasurer, Tessa Flanders for Membership Cordinator- go in effect July 1st. - Katie and Janna approved.

**UPCOMING FLIERS SENT HOME:**

**5K Flyers**

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Kindergarten registration : April 22nd and 24th from 3:15- 8:00

2nd Annual 5k : April 27th <https://falconracetiming.com/event/lets-play-5k-newport-pa-2/>

Little Buffs Day May 28th

**NEXT MEETING: May 16th at 6:30 pm**

**Adjourned 7:20**

**Current Volunteer Opportunities:**

**Kindergarten Registration table:**

[**https://www.timetosignup.com/newportelempto/sheet/1356632/kindergarten-registration-pto-table**](https://www.timetosignup.com/newportelempto/sheet/1356632/kindergarten-registration-pto-table)

**5K Volunteers:** [**https://www.timetosignup.com/newportelempto/sheet/1341527/let-039-s-play-5k-volunteers-4-27-24**](https://www.timetosignup.com/newportelempto/sheet/1341527/let-039-s-play-5k-volunteers-4-27-24)

**Little Buffs Day: May 28th**

[**https://www.timetosignup.com/newportelempto/sheet/1342320**](https://www.timetosignup.com/newportelempto/sheet/1342320)

**5th grade survival kit donations/bag prep.**

[**https://www.timetosignup.com/newportelempto/sheet/1357214/**](https://www.timetosignup.com/newportelempto/sheet/1357214/)

**Stay A Float - teacher appreciation donations:**

[**https://www.timetosignup.com/newportelempto/sheet/1357216/**](https://www.timetosignup.com/newportelempto/sheet/1357216/)