

**Freedom Elementary School PTA**

**Meeting Minutes, January 7, 2021**

**I. Call to Order**

Virtual meeting due to COVID-19. Brandi Blevins, President, calls to order the virtual meeting of the Freedom PTA at 6:40 p.m. on January 7, 2021. **There was no PTA meeting held in December 2020.**

**Attendance**

The following individuals are present at the meeting: *Jessica Smith, Karen Barnes, Mindy Shifflett, Kara Copley, Becky Clemens, Joyce Barnes, Ashley Schall, Jason Hartman, Sheen Maldonado, Nicole Stefan, Brandi Blevins, Becky Kaufman, Louis Rolfes, Melissa McGuinness, Kelly Waterman, Stephanie Lihvarchik, Ally Bryson, Katie Farrar, Tami Goldstein, Ann Marie Byrd, Lisa Passarello, Justine Sillers, Jen Meyer, Rachel Sternberg.*

**II. Approval of Minutes from last meeting**

Motion to approve minutes. Motion carried.

**III. Old Business Review**

- A. Holiday light Ugly Sweater scavenger hunt was a big success. Such great feedback that perhaps we will do again next year. Possibly a prize or trophy for "best of show."
- B. Photos for yearbook: Keep them coming. Need to make a push to parents to submit more photos. Lisa has pictures from the news (crazy hair day, etc) that she can forward to yearbook committee.
- C. Facebook has 386 followers. We use facebook to get information out regarding events. Will push out request for more photos.
- D. Spirit nights: November Chick-fil-A=\$187, 5 Below=\$314, Noodles&Co=\$555, Ihop=only \$21 (seems as though they did not calculate correctly), Basta Pasta=\$198, but they rounded up to \$250, Kismet=\$121, but they rounded up to \$150, December Chick-fil-A=\$202, Frank's=\$95. There is another Chick-fil-A tonight. Looking for future places for spirit nights. Upcoming: 1/12 Chipotle, 1/18 McDonalds
- E. Brick fundraiser: only 25 bricks sold so far. Only 1 month left of this fundraiser. The bricks cost the PTA \$17 each. Some parents express concern that the bricks are too expensive for families, especially during COVID. PTA needs to get this story out and needs to target alumni. We need \$100k for the new playground.
- F. Some ideas for additional fundraising were discussed: coin wars

**IV. New Business review**

- A. Planning a possible Virtual Dance Party instead of the Fun Run
- B. Planning virtual bingo, possibly two
- C. Hot Spots: No one from Hot Spots present to discuss. They are starting back up on 1/18. Chelsea has left for a full-time position. Christina Gleeson is the new contact person.

- D. Need help with Box Tops/Coke Rewards Committees
- V. Budget Recap: Louis Rolfes**
  - A. Overview of budget: We have a surplus of \$2,800. The teacher lunch is the only item we have spent money on so far.
  - B. We are still doing teacher reimbursements.
- VI. Principal report: Jessica Smith**
  - A. Still in need of lunchroom assistants, recess monitors, substitute teachers, and a custodian.
  - B. Mr. Nupp has retired. Video was sent to him from the school. PTA may also do something for him. Was not discussed.
- VII. Teacher report: Kelly Waterman**
  - A. Links have been sent out to teachers for reimbursement requests
  - B. Please contact teachers directly for any supply needs for classrooms. CCPS provides cleaning supplies/disinfecting wipes.
- VIII. Virtual Assemblies: Sheen Maldonado**
  - A. Magician would be \$2,000 which includes interactive assembly, family assembly, and workshop. Some feel this is too much to spend right now based on the playground needs.
  - B. Justin Burke: he owes us from last year, so Sheen will reach out to him regarding a possible virtual assembly
  - C. Perhaps Reptile Guy, but this won't have the impact as kids won't be able to touch the animals
  - D. Virtual Talent Show possibility
- IX. Other Ideas for possible upcoming events/Other**
  - A. Drive-in Movie: Would need to use another parking lot, possibly Liberty.
  - B. Paint Night
  - C. "Masked Teacher"
  - D. "Show Your Love Postcards" for Valentines Day
  - E. Build a Bear (preorder so we don't lose money)
  - F. Krispy Kreme fundraiser

February meeting to be determined if feel needed. (virtually until further notice). Meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm by PTA President Brandi Blevins. Minutes submitted by Melissa McGuinness