

North Ridgeville Early Childhood PTA

**Meeting Notes October 2nd 2017, North Ridgeville Library**

Sarah Monahan called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Ice Breaker game for members to introduce themselves.

Treasurer report - there are \$6793.0 in our account.

Corresponding Secretary - one letter from North Eastern Ohio Live Steamers letter of Thank You!

Programming - Preschool panel presentation will be at the next month's meeting. Anyone that wants to be a presenter and talk about what your favorite preschool has to offer contact Stacie Kimberly. Enrollment for 2018-2019 preschool year starts as early as December for some preschools.

**Committee Reports**

Fieldtrips- Big Thank You to those that are helping to plan fieldtrips! Fieldtrips are easy to plan and a great way to meet other moms and socialize. Everyone is encouraged to plan a fieldtrip and Fieldtrips chair person will help you any way she can!

Children's parties- Working on Fall and Christmas Party. Might need some help planning and help will be asked.

Community Service- Supplies were collected for the Community Service Project on Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>. It is First Responders Appreciation Day and we are going to chalk paint on their driveways and bring treat bags for the Police Station and Fire Department.

It was asked what our group is doing around the Holidays? Adopt a family? Community Care usually suggests teenagers... Projects will be considered and discussed.

Historian - Open position. When you attend fieldtrips and events please take pictures that can be gathered at the end of the year and made into a memory book.

Hospitality - Looking for ideas on snacks that members would actually enjoy at meetings.

Adult Outings - Bistro 83 was fun. And looking for ideas on other fun adult outings. Bowling was suggested.

Membership - We had 6 new members sign up since last meeting! Flyers are still being distributed around our community.

Health and Wellness - Field Day event is coming up Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> and promises to be fun. Feel free to bring a snack. This event is contingent on weather. Check the Facebook event for more details.

Publicity - No updates

Sunshine - Meal Train for Megan Elizabeth and Lindsey Shelley were posted on Facebook. Please sign up using the Sign-up link that was posted on Facebook.

A Meal Train is still going on for Krista Stump and her family. It is separate from our Facebook group. If you'd like to be added please contact Heather Campbell Marinko.

Reminder that making someone a meal will count as ½ hour volunteer time. Everyone should

have 3 hours of volunteer time per year.

Fundraiser. - We collected Shoes for our fundraiser over the summer and a lot of shoes have been donated.

Kiddie Kloset. - Will take place Oct 14<sup>th</sup>. Seller tables are sold out! Sign-up sheets are posted on Facebook for volunteers to help run the event. We are in need of volunteers for the second shift on Saturday! There will be a drawing for \$5 Mitchell's ice cream card for everyone that volunteers on Saturday. Also needed will be bake sale items. There's a shareable event on Facebook that can be posted on your wall. Share Please! This is our biggest fundraiser of the year! This year it will take place at the new Academic Center!

Kiddie Kloset signs were available for members to take home and post.

Playgroups - Anyone can plan a playgroup and host at their house, at the Library or at a Nature Center.

Website - Amy Strait has to start our new Website from scratch. When the new website will go live members will have to make a new login and password. She is planning to add an option to say "already paid". Amy gave us a preview of some features.

Confirmation emails will go out to members when signing up for a membership.

On the Contact Info page there will be links to different Groups and Facebook pages that PTA has active.

Local Resources page is being updated. She is asking for anyone that could help with this as there is a lot of research involved.

Photo book option - Can be made as members only - We can also have a permission form to use child's picture on the website. This form could also be part of the membership forms.

Fieldtrips Forms should also be updated and it was discussed to have the Fieldtrip Permission Form available for members to sign online.

Another feature will allow members to pay for fieldtrips without an added fee.

Volunteer hours is still being looked at - a plugin is needed for hours to add up.

Preschools page also needs to be updated and Amy is asking for help to gather information.

Anything that's incorrect or with errors please bring to Amy's attention.

Sarah Monahan proposed an idea for a Santa's shop event for the children. Dollar Store is being considered but other ideas are welcomed.

Renee Villaire also asked if anyone would be interested in doing a Freezer meal planning event. Several members are interested in participating.

School Board Updates- At the last School Board meeting bussing has been discussed and the traffic around the schools. School Board meetings are open to anyone that would like to voice a concern and everyone is encouraged to participate!

Summer Kickoff Party is being planned for the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in June.

Yearly Budget was approved!