

General Membership Meeting 10/2/2019

Board Members in Attendance: Lori Bignotti, Kris Bautsch, Kelly White, Hitesh Uppal, Susan Gilbert and Wendy Pekol

18 Members in Attendance and the Meeting was called to order by Kelly White at 7:03pm

Guest Speakers

Officer Robert Greenwood, SFASD School Resource Officer

- He began working for the SFASD in Jan 2019. He has 34 years of experience. He was a volunteer Fireman. He applauded the school district for being proactive with safety measures. The SFASD has seven resource officers. The need for this number of resource officers is based on the fact that it is large with roughly 8,000 students. He is primarily responsible for serving the elementary schools. His presence is to get the kids used to seeing the resource officers. His presence also acts as a deterrent.

Officer Terry Heydt, SFASD School Resource Officer

- He has 30-years of service. He began working for the SFASD in Aug 2019. He was fresh out of retirement. He was a school safety specialist and ALICE instructor in Berks County. He taught DARE for 15-years. His training is an ongoing process. It's important for the kids to see the resource officers in the buildings since they will continue to see the officers throughout their schooling. He does have the ability to intervene if there's a problem, but that's not his primary focus. All SFASD officers have in-service days for continuing their training. He noted that the SFASD is doing some unprecedented initiatives. Other schools are taking notice. It is amazing what the SFASD is doing.

Questions/Comments

- How do you differ from the officers in our local townships? They are sworn in officers. Major crimes would involve the local townships, but they could help/intervene.
- Would you be pulled from us to help the local townships? Yes, if there was something major. They would help.
- Are you armed? Yes
- Do the School Police patrol bus stops? Yes, they were asked to check things out. Is this routine, checking on each bus stop? No, this is not routine. They can take down the information of people who make the infractions. They need to call the Limerick Township police to report it.
- A parent did say she met with the Limerick Township police about lowering the speed limit in front of school. It was suggested to possibly contact a local representative to contact PENNDOT. Be the squeaky wheel.
- Presence at BTS night? Will this be happening more often? Yes, they will come if they are invited.
- Discipline at this level? They are really just a presence in the elementary schools.
- Extra presence at the 7 Eleven by the high school at dismissal? They are there to help with traffic control. It's not their jurisdiction.

Budget Review - Hitesh Uppal

- Income- Fundraising (\$380), Membership/Opt Out (\$2,204.46) and Miscellaneous Income (\$28.56)
- Expenses- Accounting Fees and Taxes (\$2,010.55), Babysitting (\$20), Field Trips (\$1,159.16), Ice Cream Social (\$418) and Insurance (\$365)
- Christie Telep motioned to approve, seconded by Jessica Tolomeo

September Minutes – Wendy Pekol

- Christie Telep motioned to approve, seconded by Denise Phillips

Committee Updates

- Basket Raffle (Jessica Tolomeo)-The committee met last Sunday. It will meet on Sunday, 10/6, at 6:30 at Michelle's house. The committee is deciding on a theme. This is a huge event. Tickets will sell out. It is a huge fundraiser for LES. It will be held on 2/22/20.
- Book Fair (Christie Telep) – We will be pushing eWallet, an alternative to sending in cash as payment. The fair is being held in November. The labels on the baggies were changed to a more kid proof version. The theme is Arctic Adventure. A contest will be held to promote eWallet.
- Color Run (Kelly White) - We wanted to see it get off the ground even though we were pressed for time. When it came time to sign the contract, dates and processing times were changed. So, we had cancel the event for this fall. We might try again for the spring; however, there are more conflicts in the spring. We will keep it on the table. It was asked if we could hold this event in the fall of 2020. Maybe? It's definitely still on the table.
- Dine Out Nights (Steph Huggard) – Dena Kozera was thanked for her help with McPrincipal's Night. The next dine out nights are scheduled: 10/16 at Uno Pizzeria, 11/12 at California Tortilla, 12/10 at Wayback Burgers, and Capt'n Chucky's in January. Capt'n Chucky's will give us a whole week. Other dine nights include: McDonald's in May and Dairy Queen in June. She is welcome to more ideas.
- Family Fun (Jessica Tolomeo) - Movie Night was a success. We made over \$100. It was a long movie.
- Family Fun (Amanda Dabbeek) – The next event will be held on 10/24 at the Olszanowki Farm from 6-8:00 pm. It costs 13/person. This price includes a corn maze, hayride and s'mores kit. If you want a s'mores kit, you must pay in advance. This committee could use some volunteers the Mon/Tue the week of the event to help bag s'mores kits. Kelly brought up the "Friends and Family" option on Pay Pal. We are all Friends and Family. 😊
- Fundraising (Kristy Thompson) – Be on the lookout for an email about the fall fundraiser in the next couple of weeks. More info to come. Kelly brought up the idea of discount cards. She wanted to know thoughts? Show of hands. This idea was popular.
- Holiday Shoppe (Dena Kozera) - Nothing to report other than it is being held in December
- Hospitality/Staff Appreciation (Kelly White) - We are having a trail mix bar this week (Friday).
- Outdoor Classroom/Beautification (Anthony Bubel) - Mr. Bautsch just met Anthony tonight. Kris mentioned "Snow Ball". This will be a fun event planned for December that will benefit the Outdoor Classroom.
- Refunding (Kelly White) - She discussed that this committee includes: Giant A+ rewards, BoxTops, Amazon Smile and discounts on Shutterfly. Nicole Connelly could use some help with someone writing promotional paragraphs.
- School Store (Kelly White)-First school store is being held tomorrow (10/3). It is held during recess. Most items cost \$.25 to \$3.
- Spirit Wear (Christie and Samantha)- This will be running the month of November. It is all online. The items will be here for the holidays. You will have the choice of SF logo or LES kindness rocks logo. Samples of some items will be at the Book Fair family night and/or conference night.
- Yearbook (Kelly White) – Be sure to order one when made available. There are usually very few extras.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, October 3rd-School Store, Wednesday, October 9th-No School, Monday, October 14th-No School

Monday, October 14th through Friday, October 18th-Annual Teacher Raffle (Outdoor Classroom) * Correction* This event will run 10/15 through 10/21. (\$.50 per ticket)

Thursday, October 24th-Fall Family Fun Night (6-8:00pm at Olszanowki Farm)

Next Meeting- Wednesday, November 6th (7-8:00pm)

Call to Adjourn-Christie Telep motioned, Seconded by Denise Phillips, Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm.