

General Membership Meeting 02/05/2020

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

14 Members in Attendance

Meeting called to order by Kelly White at 7:02pm

Welcome-Kelly welcomed everyone to the February meeting.

Guest Speaker(s)

Mr. Scott Orsini, Spring-Ford Area School District Food Service Coordinator

- He has two children. The district's mission is to give more choices. Contests will be introduced to promote interest in the new menu. There is a food service mascot. Another goal is to offer more fruits and vegetables. The district is trying to encourage children to try new fruits and vegetables by introducing one, new, fresh fruit each week. The district is working to change menu items to be more simplistic. We are trying to find the groove of what kids like and what they don't like. All food products are regulated by the government. The students have given feedback and requested breakfast for lunch. So, you will see breakfast for lunch being offered. Mr. Orsini handed out an informational packet. He mentioned a link (Spring-Ford.Nutrislice.com) that has a detailed menu and nutrient information. Mr. Orsini had sample trays of food and examples to show parents of how fruits and vegetables are packaged.

Mrs. Erin Crew, Director of Communications

- She helps with marketing.

Mr. Jim Mallozzi, Aramark Area Manager

- He is happy to be here and listen to how things are going. Mr. Mallozzi showed the group how fresh fruits and vegetables are packaged. He wants to make the menu fun. He wants to educate the students about healthy eating. This year our district began the breakfast program. He wants students to take all the components of each meal to encourage healthy eating.

Questions/Comments-

Is there guidance for the students when they go through the lunch line? Yes, they are guided through the lunch line. Lori pointed out that our lunch ladies are quite helpful.

Are all lunch menus the same? There are alternate entries each day. There are daily optional choices.

What is FUEL? This is a new, promotional item and a way of piloting new items. Lori mentioned that there are signs posted in the lunchroom publicizing these promotional items.

Why not offer water? It's a nutritional thing. There is no nutritional value in offering water.

A parent commented that the sampling of new foods has been successful in her home.

How long is breakfast in the morning? They are allowed to take food down to their classrooms. There are breakfast stations in each classroom.

Papa Johns? This food doesn't meet state requirements.

Is there a way for my child to bring home her uneaten food? Yes, there are bags available.

Budget Review- Hitesh Uppal

- Income- Basket Raffle (\$7,140), Box Tops (\$288.11), Dine Out Nights (\$647.25), Fall Family Night (\$188.66), Funtivities (\$5,196.82)
- Expenses- None to report
- Highlights- 1) Full recovery of bank charges (\$210) from last month, 2) Funtivities (payout will happen either this month or March), 3) Basket Raffle (ongoing), 4) Box Top Income (remember to use it and other easy fundraisers like Giant A+ (until March 14th), Amazon Smile, etc. more often)
- Christie Telep motioned to approve, seconded by Kristy Thompson

January Minutes – Wendy Pekol

- Christie Telep motioned to approve, seconded by Kristy Thompson

Nominations for Secretary and Treasurer

- Nominations need to be submitted before the 3/4/2020 meeting for secretary and treasurer. Only HSL members are eligible to vote. The voting will open 3/5/2020 and run through 3/13/2020. The newly elected secretary and treasurer will be announced in the weekly communication on Monday, 3/16/2020. Kelly shared with the group the job descriptions/responsibilities of both the secretary and treasurer. Christie Telep nominated Hitesh Uppal for treasurer and Wendy Pekol for secretary. Both Hitesh and Wendy accepted their nominations. Kelly announced she will be stepping down from her role as the HSL president. According to our bylaws, the executive board will fill the vacancy for the remainder of Kelly's term.

Committee Updates

- Basket Raffle (Michelle Gosch) - The event will be held on 2/22/2020. Set up is 2/21. Basket making fun is happening now. Let Michelle know if you'd like to help.
- Book Fair (Christie Telep) – The spring Scholastic Book Fair will be held in early March. Set Up day is 3/6, Preview Day is 3/9, Shopping Days are 3/10-3/12, Family Night is 3/11 and Clean Up is 3/13. Packets will come home 1 ½ weeks prior. There will be no baggies this fair. We are trying to encourage parents to sign up for eWallet. SignUps will be out soon. Mrs. Sklenarik and Mr. Riordan will be sharing a STEAM presentation both Family Night (3/11) and the next HSL meeting (3/5).
- Color Run/Fun Run (Kelly White) – We may do a Fun Run in May. We are still exploring this idea.
- Dine Out Nights – Notes from Steph Huggard: “Thank you to all that have been attending our Dine Out events! They have been really successful so far. The events that are scheduled for the rest of the year are as follows: Giovanni’s in Royersford (Thursday, 2/13), McDonald’s in Royersford- not the Limerick location (Tuesday, 5/12), and Dairy Queen (Monday, 6/1).” Steph is working with Ruby Tuesday’s to schedule an event for March. She also has information out to Bravo and Francesca’s. Lori asked if we could change the name of McPrincipal’s Night to McStaff Night.
- Family Fun (Amanda Dabbeek) –The next family fun night is Friday, 2/28. The students will be painting “birds on a stick” on canvas. The cost is \$10 per painter. Flyers will go out soon. Refreshments will be served. When signing up, only sign up for those painting. Wear old clothes. Doors open at 6:00pm. Painting will begin at 6:30pm in cafeteria. Deadline to sign up is 2/21/2020 so materials can be prepped. Kelly mentioned that PayPal is the preferred method of payment. Remember to choose “Friends and Family”.
- Fundraising (Kristy Thompson) – We still have discount cards to sell. Hershey Park tickets will be our February fundraiser. Tickets will be sold for \$40 per ticket. The gate price is \$74.80. The tickets will be valid May 1, 2020 through September 27, 2020. Orders are due 2/22. Flyers will go out this week. Soul Joel’s was discussed. We could join with another organization to meet the minimum of 75 tickets. This would be a Thursday night. Kelly asked for show of hands of interest. It is BYOB. They pick the comedian. Tickets would cost \$20, and we make \$10 on every ticket sold.
- Holiday Shoppe- Nothing to report
- Hospitality/Staff Appreciation (Kelly White/Michelle Gosch) – A yogurt bar is this Friday (2/7).
- Kids Bingo (Susan Gilbert) - This event will be held on March 27, 2020.
- Outdoor Classroom/Beautification (Anthony Bubel) – The Comic Con event is March 7th. This event will be held in the library. A SignUp is live/open for those interested in attending. Anthony is meeting with Mrs. Sklenarik to discuss the layout of the event. Hitesh asked about the admission tickets if you buy 3 tickets, you get 1 free ticket, how many would I receive if I bought 6 tickets? Anthony said 6 tickets purchased, gets you 2 free tickets. Hitesh asked about the age we start charging for admission. Anthony said 4 years or older. Anthony will help with beautifying the front door planters.
- Refunding (Kelly White) - Keep shopping and submitting Box Tops, Giant A+, etc.
- School Store (Kelly White)- School Store tomorrow (2/6)
- Spirit Wear (Kelly White)- Nothing to report
- Yearbook (Kelly White) - Forms went home last week. Online link is now active.

Membership Questions/Suggestions

Lori suggested publicizing upcoming events on the front counter.

Upcoming Events

Friday, February 14th - No School (Conferences/In-Service)

Monday, February 17th- No School (President’s Day)

Saturday, February 22nd - Basket Raffle

Next Meeting-Wednesday, March 4th (7:00pm-8:00pm)

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