

Minutes for SMPTO General Meeting at IFES Library

1/17/19 at 6:00 PM

I. Call to order/Welcome

- The meeting was called to order by the PTO President, Jodi Jumper, at 6:00 PM.
- Introductions were made by the PTO Board, the Principals, School Board Representatives and meeting attendees.
 - a. Those in attendance included: Jodi Jumper (PTO President), Cheryl Lyles (Co-VP of IFES), Mr. Boley (Rice Principal), Mrs. Reed (IFES Principal), Melanie Reifsteck (Co-VP of IFES), Suzanne Shriner (Co-Treasurer), Shelley Tressler (Co-VP of Rice), Charlie Bailey (Co-VP of Rice), Lori Kappen (Co-Treasurer), and Melissa Barnhart (Secretary). Dr. Strine (Superintendent), Mrs. Melanie Shaver-Durham (Director of Curriculum and Instruction), and Mrs. Stacey Knavel (School Board Representative) also briefly attended tonight's meeting. We had 13 additional people attend the meeting.
- Those who attended the meeting were asked to sign in on the attendance sheet.

II. Approval of Minutes from previous meeting

- Melanie Reifsteck made a motion to approve the December 2018 minutes. Shelley Tressler seconded the motion. Please note: Copies of the meeting minutes are posted on the PTO website at www.smpto.com.

III. Presentation from Lice Lifters from Lemoyne, PA

- Michelle Gallo from Lice Lifters presented facts and information about lice.
- Lice do not fly or jump and lice do not live on pets.
- Nothing can kill nits. Lice have to feed 5-6 times a day to survive.
- 90% of lice cases are transmitted through head to head contact like sharing brushes, helmets, or taking "selfies."
- Weekly head checks are recommended until college.
- Lice do not like the smell of mint.
- There is no lice season and it is not recommended to use any of the over-the-counter lice kits.

IV. Principal Reports/School Board Representative

Mrs. Stacey Knavel- School Board Report

- Mrs. Knavel is the new SMPTO Liaison and plans to attend our monthly meetings if possible.
- She plans to report and share what the School Board is doing.
- She informed the group that South Middleton School District will be participating in Curriculum Mapping.
- She shared that the School Board plans additional meetings during budget season.

Mr. Boley- Rice Report

- Mr. Boley announced that on January 26, 2019 there will be a Pre-K Family Fun Event held at Rice.

Mrs. Reed- IFES Report

- Mrs. Reed reported that Student Growth Conferences will be held at the end of February and invitations will be coming out soon.
- She also reported that Dental Hygiene Awareness will be held the last week of February.
- Report cards will be coming home next week.
- She stated that soon grades for students K-12 will be available on Sapphire and that IFES will eventually stop printing report cards.

V. Treasurer's Report

- Lori Kappen provided a summary of the account balances, income and expenses for December 2018.

Income: The major sources of income for December 2018 were IFES Groovy Movie for \$720.00, Rice Secret Santa Shop Nurses Grant for \$697.00, Spirit Gear Sales for \$707.49, Breakfast with Santa Sales for \$2,566.00, Rice Scholastic Book Fair Sales for \$1,610.18, and Secret Santa Shop Income for \$3,230.00.

Expenses: The major expenses for December 2018 include Bubblethon for \$126.75, Groovy Movie for \$445.38, Breakfast with Santa for \$2,674.99, Carlisle Science Fair Donation for \$50.00, and expenses for the IFES Halloween Party for \$605.05. Additionally, expenses were incurred for Parent Conference Dinner for Teachers for \$260.00, Rice Scholastic Book Fair for \$1,371.22, and Secret Santa Shop for \$3,414.00.

Account Balances: As of 12/31/18, the checking account balance was \$34,771.17, the raffle account balance was \$100.00, and the savings account balance was \$16,042.57 for a total of \$50,913.74.

VI. Correspondence

- Melissa Barnhart shared three thank you cards received since the last SMPTO Meeting. Mrs. Delcamp, kindergarten teacher at Rice, and her Monkey's Class sent a thank you for the manipulatives for their classroom. Kona Ice sent a Christmas card thanking the SMPTO for including them in field day last year. Lastly, a thank you card was received from Kristy Mentzer, Stella and Dot Sales Representative, who donated \$40 of party earnings to the SMPTO.

VII. Chair/Committee Reports

- a. **IFES Friday Fun Event-** Jodi reported that the next Iron Forge Friday Fun Event will be held tomorrow, January 18, 2019. It is a collaboration with the Mini-Thon Club where IFES students will play life-size board games. All of the money collected for attending the event will be donated to Mini-Thon. The SMPTO will pay for snacks and drinks. There are 212 students signed up to attend.

- b. **IFES Book Fair-** The IFES Scholastic Book Fair will held during the Iron Forge Growth Conferences from February 25th to March 1st. Students will be able to shop for books during school hours like in past years.
- c. **Box Tops-** For the 2018-19 school year, our Box Top chair will be Kris Simon. *Please try to utilize the forms provided as they are easier to count the box tops and credit students/ classrooms for the contests, but using the designated form is not required. ALSO, please make sure the box tops are NOT expired.* PLEASE make sure that you include the student's name, classroom and teacher on any Box Top submissions so the student may be credited appropriately for their submissions. Kris reported that the second contest of the year is currently running and will end in mid-February. Over 12,000 Box Tops were received during the first contest. This school year there will only be 3 contests.

VIII. New Business

- a. **Teacher Grant Requests-** Jodi stated there was one Teacher Grant Request approved by the Board for Bubbler ear buds for Mrs. Paskalik's Third Grade class. The SMPTO also ordered additional Bubbler ear buds to sell as Spirit Gear.
- b. **May Fair-** Jodi announced that this year May Fair will be held on May 4, 2019 at the Yellow Breeches Middle School. The event is open to everyone. Lots of volunteers will be needed for the event.
- c. **Bubbling Over and Forge Ahead Day-** Jodi announced these events will both occur in May. Bubbling Over Day is for second graders leaving Rice. They will enjoy a day of bowling, a movie, and ice cream. Forge Ahead Day is for fifth graders leaving Iron Forge. They have a fun-filled day that includes a catered meal and ice cream. Both events will need parent volunteers.
- d. **Elections-** Jodi stated that there are four open board positions for the 2019-2021 term. The SMPTO is looking for a Co-Vice President of Rice, Co-Vice President of Iron Forge, Co-Treasurer, and Secretary. Please contact a current board member if interested.

IX. Announcements

- **Bubblethon Laser Light Shows-** Jodi provided the upcoming dates for the Prismatic Magic Laser Light Shows. IFES will enjoy their show on March 21, 2019 and Rice will have theirs on April 17, 2019.

X. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 6:49 PM. The motion to adjourn was made by Melanie Reifsteck and seconded by Lori Kappen.
- Respectfully submitted for approval at the next PTO meeting by Melissa Barnhart, SMPTO Secretary.

Our next PTO meeting will be held on February 21, 2019 at 6pm