

Narragansett High School
PTO Minutes: September 28,2017 NHS Media Center

Number in Attendance: 11

Welcome teacher Kathy Couchon, who agreed to be a member

Agenda Items

Call to Order: 7:05pm

Minutes: March 10,2017 reported by Denise Corson. Minutes accepted by Maria Rocchio and Diane Hepburn

Treasurer Report: Submitted by Beth-ann Myers. Three-year reflection was distributed and discussed. Balance as of 9/28/17: \$5,464.95, less \$2,000.00(for weight room) = **\$3,465.95**

Club Fair Review: The first club Fair was held in the evening on September 19. Attendance was approximately 35 people. 250.00 was awarded to the Enviro-thon club. Dan Healy's class won the pizza party. The PTO paid for the printing of 500 brochures. Ideas for future years:

- a. Distribute brochures to Freshmen class only
- b. Offer Club Fair during TASC
- c. Remind teachers to talk up the clubs during advisory

Mariner Market Place 11/18/2017:

- Profit goal: \$8,000
- Still accepting vendors. Vendors will donate gift/raffle items. Next year there will be a link for easier vendor sign-up
- Not soliciting raffle items due to Beach Blanket Bidding in June
- Food Table: Asking for food donations from restaurants, local businesses. Kim O'Connell has a list of past participants, but we are looking for anyone new to also donate. Diane Hepburn will look into George's.
- Kim O'Connell will look into using a standard form to aid in solicitations, which would also include info about tax deductions.
- Volunteers: Maria is organizing student volunteers. Leah Highcove will meet with CJ Tudino to coordinate adult volunteers using Sign-Up Genius. Also discussed setting designated parking for volunteers to allow more parking for shoppers.
- Advertising: 2 weeks prior to event. Decided against paid advertising, instead, use Social Media to promote. Print flyers to distribute around town. Give students community service hours to help with this (minimum of 2 hours). Kathy Couchon will help facilitate student volunteers.
- **FOLLOW-UP MEETING FOR MARINER MARKET PLACE; THURS. 10/19/17**

Beach Blanket Bidding 06/01/18:

- 4 years ago, this event raised \$56,000 for the three schools
- Theme: Destination
- Denise Corson is the corporate sponsor contact

Request for Funds

- Kathy Couchon (science)
 - Requesting \$246 for 1-year subscription to Scholastic monthly magazine: Science World. Connects ELA with relevant science articles. Subscription is for 28 magazines per month. **OUTCOME: APPROVED**
 - Requesting \$250 for professional development opportunity. Kathy will be attending Al Gore's Climate Reality Leadership Corps in Pittsburgh. Kathy's science curriculum includes promoting citizens as advocates for global climate change. Kathy is also mentoring a student for her Senior Project on the same topic. Monies would be used towards transportation and lodging. **OUTCOME: APPROVED**
- Sarah Krous (**Ocean Science Bowl**)
 - Requesting money to replace broken competition buzzers. These buzzers have been shared in the past with F.F.A group:
 - Option 1: \$405 to replace broken buzzers (3 out of 5 are broken) system is old but still works
 - Option 2: \$705 to purchase a new wireless system. **OUTCOME: APPROVED**, with understanding that the items will be shared with FFA when possible. Older, working items will also be shared. Sarah Krous will be primary contact for the system.
- Discussion was started about possibly having a budget for professional development for teachers. More discussion to come

Teacher Appreciation

- Booster club will donate a sweatshirt as a raffle item
- Asking for ideas about what teachers would like (luncheon, raffles, etc)
- Is there a way to collect money electronically to make donating easier for parents? Look at Powerschool

Other

- Diane Hepburn mentioned doing a better job of promoting A+ Rewards for Stop and Shop. Ideas: Set up a table at Mariner Market Place, and send out an email with a link (email with only one subject might get more response)
- Senior Trip was discussed, as other schools do different things. One idea was a surprise destination following graduation. More discussion to follow
- PTO will give Liz Alfonso a 20.00 gift card for her work on the Club Brochure

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Reardon (Secretary)