

East Goshen Elementary School
Home & School Association Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 8, 2017

9:30 a.m.

- I. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. with about 15 people in attendance.
- II. Recording Secretary's Report (Ann Degler filling in for Leighann Carpenter):** Ann motioned for approval of October minutes. Minutes approved.
- III. Corresponding Secretary's Report (Ann Degler):** Nothing to report.
- IV. Treasurer's Report (Dottie White):** Dottie White reported the HSA funds are doing well. The school raised about \$900 through the clothing drive and will repeat it in the Spring.
- V. Co-Presidents Report (Kendall Sisk):**
 - a. Spring clothing drive- Kendall indicated that we plan to hold it during conferences the week of March 5th.
 - b. PayPal- 25% of iGive was through PayPal. One attendee asked to look into using "friends/family" PayPal versus "business" PayPal to avoid the tax fee. Mr. Brown would like to look into using PayPal more (for field trips, etc.).
 - c. Remind app- 63 people are signed up, people seem to like it.
 - d. Upcoming events- Kendall reminded everyone to bring the paper with you to Learning Express to get your 10% and benefit EGE. Adult social coming up on Saturday. Hospitality dinner coming up November 21st. 2nd grade donuts with dad coming up on December 6th.
- VI. Committee Reports:**
 - a. Community Outreach (Kate Diem): Feed the Hungry- The new way of doing the pasta seemed to work well. Next year it would be helpful to ask for donations the week before. Donations were delayed and came in late in the week likely due to Halloween. We could also think about changing the week altogether.
 - b. Adult Social (Lisa Pagano and Karen Turek): Adult social is being held Saturday, November 11th at Barnaby's in West Chester. 75 tickets have been sold, expect at least 10 more. Tickets can be purchased at the door. We have many great auction items such as Disney tickets, American Girl, Great Wolf Lodge stay, signed Phillie's bat, Penn State and Villanova art work, etc.

- c. Spring Fair (Lisa Pagano): Our theme this year will be camping. We will push for volunteers in January. Katie Kourakis is shadowing Lisa and Sarah this year with plans to chair next year.
- d. Publishing (Tracey Todd): Tracey has begun ordering supplies and talking to teachers. This year we plan to have the 5th graders assemble their own books.
- e. Yearbook (Tracey Todd): Will begin requesting photos through the rundown soon. Have already asked for photos of those who did not attend Kindergarten at EGE. We will use Google Drive to make it easier to upload and organize photos. It was suggested that we do this with all grades beginning next year to save pictures as we go along.
- f. Garden Committee (update by Kendall): Started tower gardens with 2nd graders this year, they seem to really enjoy it.
- g. Hospitality (update by Kendall): Staff dinner is Tuesday, November 21st. Donations are coming in but we still need main courses.
- h. 5th Grade Bingo (update by Kendall): Matt Weidman agreed to chair, would still like a co-chair.
- i. T-shirts (update by Kendall): Heather Mazza indicated that t-shirts are in and should be coming home soon.
- j. Wellness (Pam Armbruster): We will have a soup tasting on Friday (tomato basil and squash). Candy collection for the troops ends today at noon. There will be a monthly theme for Wellness, this month's theme is Gratitude.

VII. New Business: Fundraising timeline was discussed to address the concern that there is too much going on in the beginning of the year. We are \$300 below budget for fundraising. Suggestions were made to move iGive to February or to coincide with the Adult Social and/or to move Food Drive to May/June to be able to provide at the beginning of the next school year. The exec board will look at the timeline and also into better communicating where the HSA money goes and how we are doing with fundraising on an ongoing basis.

VIII. Principal's Report (Mr. Dennis Brown): Mr. Brown updated the group on the school renovations. We are now on option #8 which includes: second floor on top of current 1st and 2nd grade wing; 4 classrooms per grade; main entrance *through* office; relocating music, art, instrumental, and PE to be all together; and the small addition of a reading instruction room. The timeline expected is 2 school years, 3 summers to begin this summer. We will get specific phasing info in the next few months. We can likely expect some growth and redistricting in the long distance future with more capacity at EGE as well as Exton Elementary.

The meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Ann Degler.