

**Board Members:** Jennifer Thorndyke (not present), President; Marcy Saniuk, President Elect; Jon Warren, Treasurer (not present); Molly Warren Secretary

**Welcome and** call to order at

**Introductions:** Board members and meeting attendees.

**Principal's Report:**

- Thank you to those who volunteered for Halloween Parties!
- Teachers are appreciative of the grants. We had one last one put in the mailbox on Oct 31. Next year budget decrease?
- How does the approval process for teacher grants work?

**Treasurer's Report:**

- All **Teacher Grants** are in and paid. We paid a total of \$3,710.95 which is slightly over budget which is \$3,500. Thank you teachers for getting these in by our 10/31/22 deadline. There are several that are still pending.
- **Dance A Thon** - We are still waiting on a few deposits to come in but after all costs of shirts, and party supplies we made about \$35,000.
- **Cash Rewards** - We have made much more on this than in the past, this is due to pushing out how to sign up. We want to encourage more families to enroll in these reward programs. For Bakers, we made \$734 for the 2nd quarter in a row. This comes from 106 registered households and there are 321 households at Abbott. This is up 30 homes from a year ago. Each home averages donating \$7 per quarter.

**Secretary Report:**

- Committee Chair contact info needs to be updated (emails/phone numbers)
- Is there something that I can put together where we can create a link/document that has the information of the committees people signed up for at the beginning of the year as well as their emails/contact info. Is this needed?  
-Kim P. and Dawn P. will touch base with Jon to utilize the membership toolkit to streamline things.
- Thank you to Mrs. Buckman for adding a PTO link onto Gator Tales.

**Committee Updates:**

- **Movie Nights (David and Jennifer Falke):**
  - Movie night will be held sometime in January or February 2023
  - Movie night used to happen more frequently than once a year. I know because of school restrictions with the pandemic, it wasn't happening at all. Is the new plan moving forward only one movie night per school year?  
-we will go forward with one movie night in January/February
- **Dance-A-Thon (Jennifer Thorndyke) :**
  - Looking for volunteer(s) to chair this next year.
- **Fundraising for playground area update:**
  - Estimated cost for rubber padding is \$220,000 dollars

- o We will look into other alternatives and follow up.
- **Fifth Grade Farewell (Lea Coffman):**
  - o Date: May 18th at Kiewitt.
  - o I am in the process of gathering fifth grade parent volunteer names from the PTO. In the next month or so, I will also send out a message via the Buzz Book message board and via the fifth grade teachers to make sure everyone who would like to help plan the fifth grade farewell is involved.
- **Yearbook (Jackie Ryba):**
  - o Working on 5th grade dedications (waiting on 31 dedications to come in).
  - o Please share photos from Halloween parties/parade for the yearbook.
- **Cash Rewards/Incentive Programs:**
  - o Meredith will continue to communicate this in Gator Tales.
- **Social/Welcome Committee (Kristy Gotschall):**
  - o I was never able to make contact with The Flapjack Guys so I emailed The Pancake Man about availability. I was wondering if we were open to the possibility of a pancake supper on a Friday night?
  - o Tentative dates on a Friday
  - o Kristy will wait to hear from The Pancake Man and touch base with Meredith on possible dates.
- **Bricks (Sarah Ruttle) :**
  - o 16 ordered last school year are engraved; awaiting engraver drop-off at school & I offered to pick them up.
  - o Mrs. Buckman has a contact for a new engraver; Sarah will reach out and get things going for this year. I want to get last year's bricks installed before sending out anything new for this year.
- **Buzz Book (Kim Parker and Julie Calvin)**
  - o The Buzz book printed and went out earlier in October. We had around 125 orders which gave us \$520 in profit. Printing cost: \$227.50 and the website cost: \$450 for a year's subscription. That leaves us around -\$150. We will usually get a few more orders throughout the year and extra books are given to Cindy for new families to have when they come to Abbott. I still have five families that I've emailed and they haven't paid yet. Hopefully that will get resolved soon.
  - o Also, Membership toolkit is stopping using Paypal, switching to LumaPay 1/2023
- **Fun nights (Cara Robbins):**
  - o Kindergarten Fun Night will be December 8th at 7:30pm
  - o Volunteers/Committee been contacted? Kim Kamphaus (Partners for Education)
  - o Save milk cartons ahead of time
  - o I will start working on the details for this event now that Halloween is over.
  - o A few questions: Do we have a contact at Hy-Vee for donations? How do I get reminders into the Gator Tales?

- **Dancing Classrooms (Mrs. Buckman):**
  - No longer moving forward with this program.
  - The P.E. and Music teacher will coordinate to do something similar.
- **Original artwork (Brittney Ortiz/Natalie Gray):**
  - No update-planning for spring, items returned in time for Mother's Day
- **Classroom Party Volunteer Coordinator (Kristy Gotschall):**
  - Thanks to all of the volunteers who helped make the Halloween parties a fun time for our kids!
- **Hospitality (Marta Thomas and Sarah Ruttle):**
  - Thank you to everyone who donated items or funds for fall conference meals - I heard the teachers were very appreciative.
  - Any feedback on meal selection from teachers? Olive Garden was a great option for PTC meals
  - Working on appreciation cards to start handing out on professional recognition days next week (11/7)
- **Educational Grant and Scholarship Committee (Elena Nieto):**
  - There is about \$1,000 left in the scholarships account. I found out that they belong to Noah Christensen. I contacted him and he has had some difficulties collecting the money but he is working with Brannan Lampe to fix the problem. That means that we need to keep that money in the account and have \$2,000 to add for the scholarships that will be awarded this year.
  - Two \$1,000 scholarships will be given in February.
- **Gator Bash (PTO Board)**
  - April 28th (rain date needed?) Friday, May 5th - Rain Date or just cancel?
  - Molly W. will follow up with MNHS entertainment to see availability.

**Announcements:**

**New Business:**

- **Aaron Reynolds** - Mrs. Buckman requested \$1,750 in September. This needs to be reviewed/approved this evening.
  - Dawn P. motioned to approve requested payment
  - Kim P. seconded the motion
- **By Laws update**- Kelsey Johnson will touch base on this.
  - Kelsey recommended sharing out her recommendations for by law updates with board
  - We will revisit this at the January PTO meeting

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjournment is at 7:26pm

**Next Meeting @ January 10th 6:30 pm**