

YSWPCS PTO
MINUTES
Tuesday, December 6, 2016

Meeting began at approximately 5:40 p.m. at the Young Scholar's Teacher's Lounge. Christina, President; Kim, Treasurer and Tina, Vice President were in attendance. Also, in attendance was Teacher's Representative/Parent, Rachel Majcher, Mr. B and 1 other parent.

Mr. B began with his CEO report. He stated that February 17 will be the International Mother Language Day Celebration. Ms. Majcher then added that they were looking for a location that had a stage and could fit 350 to 500 people due to the fact that McKeesport School will be joining in the celebration and be transported by bus. February 17 is a half day for the Baldwin location. We discussed the possibilities of several locations and food.

Mr. B then talked about a parent's concern about the safety of the students when exiting from the school. They will be installing speed bumps, and electronic speed signs.

Ms. Majcher stated that she didn't have anything from the teachers except to say thank you for the insulated bags and the winter games/activities.

Treasurer Kim was up next with a report stating that as of December 5, our balance was \$3,809.

Next up was the discussion regarding the holiday shop. It will be held Monday, December 12 through Friday, December 16. The gifts were bought from various locations and should give a variety to choose from for family, friends and teachers. The prices of the gifts will be \$.50, \$1, \$2, \$3, \$4, and \$5. An announcement had gone out last month giving a heads up on the dates and the envelopes went out today and tomorrow for students and parents to fill out who they wish to buy for and return with money for the students to shop. Any leftover items may be used for the Winter Family Bingo Night as prizes.

Winter games and activities were bought and distributed to the teachers, however, we are still in need of more games/activities for the older students mostly. Christina stated that she was also going to send a letter to older student families and ask if they had any old games that they could send in and donate to Middle School.

November's Lotto fundraiser was considered a success even though we sold only 550 tickets of the 1,000. We collected \$5,500, paid out \$1,600 to our winners, \$400 to PTO for unsold tickets, \$200 for gift cards for student raffle and our total profit was \$3,700, which is more than any other fundraiser held in the past.

Next Lotto fundraiser will be going out before the holidays. A great gift for family, friends, mailman etc. or even stocking stuffers. This lotto will have the same payout, but this time cost \$5 and be held during the month of February 2017. Three raffle tickets per student, with six being the limit for three children or more. We are considering mailing these lotto tickets out. The profit from this lotto will go the Middle School end of the year field trip.

Christina stated that she was told by several of the teachers who have students using bouncy bands that they were quite happy with them and seem to be working well.

The PTO Winter Family Bingo was the last on the agenda. Tina stated that although the PTO did not pay for the Fall Festival, due to donations, the PTO was going to have to pay out this time around. There will be a hot cocoa bar set up along with water. The meal will consist of soup and sandwiches and desserts. She did state that several restaurants were contacted for donations of soup, but no one has heard back from them yet. Everyone will receive one set of games. If anyone wants extra, they will have to pay \$1 a pack, which will go to the winner of the Jackpot Coverall Bingo.