

1) Ellie provided the treasurers report. The year has been very productive thus far. We also just found out that KidStuff will be giving us more \$ back for that fundraisers.

Ellie reviewed some recent expenditures. We have spent money on grow pgh, school supplies for tutoring, and more.

2) Fundraising update (Ellie for Darcy). Right now have 50% participation compared to last year and are halfway through the ask drive. Send donations of any amount to Darcy or via paypal on the PTO website.

3) Communications (Sarah S). Shout out raised \$54 last month. Content due January 18th, and the next communicator will come out in February.

4) Mr. Lydon's Night Out (Abbie). Thus far 26 have registered. There is room for about 25 more. The night out is set for this Saturday, December 15. Snacks, movies fun and Mr. Lydon are on tap.

5) Ski Club (Abbie and Adam). The information sheet that went might have been incomplete. The ski trip is for 4-8 graders. There will two trips:

1-28-13 (Monday) 8:30 till 6:30 pm on a non-school day to Seven Spring

2-15-13 (Friday) 3:00 after school till 12:00

on this day, we can even store equipment for those that have their own. It will be labeled and there will be room on the buses.

Cost for both trips is --with rental: \$170 --without rental: \$140

Helmet rental is an additional \$10

Cost will be half of above umbersfor one of two trips.

Approximately 13 staff members are interested in attending. A person (Dash) who was a former PPS member and has experience leading a trip like this. will be the lead member and parents are able to help as well and there MAY be room on the bus.

This cost includes bus, lesson (2 have been reserved, more can be added or deleted if needed) and lift ticket. Lessons are included for any level and will be included for all because of liability. We may be able to work out special pricing for people who do not need it.

We discussed the issues of financing and how to measure interest among those who are not able to attend this time. We could also consider boyce park next year to increase the attendance.

7) The PTO will collect for teachers that do not have homerooms.

8) Staff Holiday Luncheon is Wednesday 12-19 from 10:30-2. Julie Fiez is in charge of this event this year. Kipp Dawson thanked the PTO for the food AND the opportunity to see other staff members on this special day.

9) Special Events (Ida)

The talent show was a success this year. It raised \$381. We look forward to having a committee next year. Thank you to Sara Mayo.

Prantl's Fundraiser (thanks Lara Bruhn) for whole school to benefit the 6-8 end of year trip. Last year 106 students went on this trip and this fundraiser will help many this year.

Also, for Middle Level, the Coach Handbag Bingo will be on Sunday, 1-16-13 at 1:00. Its \$25 for 15 rounds of bingos plus raffles. The kids work the event and it raises money for their end of year trip.

10) Carnaval (Ida). This big end of the year party for the school. Looking for committee leaders for food, games, prizes and clean-up. Volunteers should contact Ida to either lead a committee or to serve on the committee in some way.

11) Family Fun Nights

a) Movie night (Ida). January 22, 2013. A movie (Mathilda or Mall Cop) for families in the Colfax community will be shown here. Snacks will available for purchase

b) Ice skating in February 27@ 7-9 for free at Schenely Rink.

12) Party 4 Play (Melanie). Planning is well underway.

The event will be on 2-16-13 at the Pgh Athletic Association. It is a adult-only fundraiser. Invitations will go out by backpack mail in January.

Right now, the committee is heavily soliciting baskets, donations, gift cards, services, hand made items, cooking classes etc that parents and other and other things. The raffle baskets for each grade level are also being solicited. Please ask places that you solicit for donation. However, before you solicit, check with Sukanya, Darcy and/or Melanie to ensure that we don't ask the same vendors frequently without warning. There is an excellent google document that has been maintained with past year's solicitors and we can amend if people have a special relationship. Donations will be accepted until the week before P4P. All donated items are tax deductible.

The school will need a plan for donated items

The ask letter will also go on the website.

13) Garden Committee (Anne Marie Kuchera for Anne Marie and Rachel Rosenfeld). Grant to Annie's submitted today and will meet with the 17-member committee around the 2 or 3rd week of January.

14) Volunteer Coordinator (Jenny Ganger). Reminder to fill out volunteer forms and submit the district intake forms as well.

Respectfully submitted
Michele Levine, co-secretary