



PTA March Meeting Minutes meeting via email.

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Principal's Report: Sherri Berridge

- The school staff wants to thank everyone for their support and patience during this very unpredictable time. We are all working together to keep students connected to school while they are at home. We all really miss being at school with our students. Please make sure you reach out to your classroom teacher or Sherri if there is anything you need or if you have any questions.

President's Report:

- Nominating Committee for next year will include Jen Hall, Rebekah Kilzer and Jenny Fuerst.

Vice President's Report: Lindsay Roop

- **Art Show-** Kelly Liddil still wants to have the show at some point. She is flexible on when. She agrees we should pare things down and cancel the potluck part of the show. We can either do Canes and have families bring their own other food or we could just provide a treat from someplace like Dairy Queen.

Committee Updates and Announcement:

- **Current 4th grade (Incoming 5th grade next year)-** Sarah Mullen
In preparation of having two graduating grades next year, as a parent of a current 4th grader, I ask that when the PTA works on the 20-21 budget, they support/fund the incoming 5th grade at the same level that they will be funding the incoming 6th grade. Traditionally, the PTA funds a total of \$1,000 for the 6th grade. While the traditions/programming for next year's 5th grade are not yet completely established (and are being determined at the District & School level), a line-item of an equal amount should be added for the incoming 5th grade, so that when these decisions are finalized, both graduating classes are supported equally by the PTA. This does not need to include

any allotment for Camp Ohio, as that will not need to be funded for the incoming 5th grade.

In addition, I know that the PTA will need to start the conversation about Pastapalooza and how it may look in the future. Currently, 6th graders serve the meal while 5th graders offer dessert/drinks as a fundraiser for Camp Ohio. Next year, we will have both grades graduating but the participation may be able to look the same as the current model. The 5th grade could potentially still offer dessert/drinks as an overall PTA fundraiser (not specific to Camp Ohio, as that won't be needed at the elementary level any longer). I just wanted to bring this up for discussion to make sure that the PTA is thinking about how this fundraiser/tradition may look in the future.

[We received emails from Patricia Darbaker, Erica Graff, Christy Niezgod, and Jessica Goins in support of this funding for next year.](#)

Spirit Wear Update-Sarah Mullen

- We will be moving the anticipated spring spirit wear sale to fall 2020. We will be hosting the same items (soft t-shirts, ringer t's, soft hoodies, tall socks, and more) and will be ready for the ice cream social/meet the teacher night at the start of next school year. We will still be partnering with The Awesome Company for this sale and are excited for what they have to offer! Any questions or ideas, please contact Sarah Mullen – sarahemullen7@gmail.com.

Membership- Christy Niezgod

- I requested a check from Kristin to pay for 3 additional memberships we received in the winter, so our official membership total is now 186 for 2019/2020 (and I doubt we'll get any more this school year). We collected \$1,586 in dues and sent \$883.50 to Ohio PTA for our State & National PTA dues, so we earned \$702.50 from our membership dues this year. We had 65 new members this year, which is great! Let me know if you'd like other statistics, like how many didn't renew, or anything else
- Marie also added that she thought possibly adding a google form to the membership next year may alleviate that need to manually enter all the emails.

Outdoor Classroom/ Online Auction – Lindsay Roop

- We raised approximately \$4500 during the tag sale and auction. It was amazing and we are so grateful for all the help we got from the community to make the fundraisers successful. We are finalizing our budget but it looks like we are either at goal or very very close to our goal and we still plan to start building this summer.

Tag Sale-Heather Scardina

- It went well. We are thankful to all the volunteers for helping with the massive setup, teardown and running of it. We learned a lot and were able to net about \$1300-\$1400 after expenses. We feel that this could be a viable option for future fundraising efforts, but feel it could be every one in a while as it is a lot of work to coordinate and needs lots of volunteers to help it be successful. We had some problems getting volunteers initially but a lot of people stopping by to drop off saw the need and stayed and helped.

PTAC Update- Christy Niezgoda

In other immediate PTAC news, they are requesting a poll of our membership to better understand our PTA's commitment to the following possible spends:

- 1a. Purchasing or contributing to the cost of educational screening, blu-rays, speakers
- 1b. Partnering with the school's staff to develop a parenting program topic (e.g. executive functioning).
2. Hosting a district-wide parent programming event, providing volunteers to lead discussion and supply handouts.
3. Publicizing the event to parents at your school and within the Worthington community.

These are geared toward directing the school district's PTAs to use redirected funds (after the school district has diverted some larger expenses for playground equipment, landscaping, and professional development from PTAs' responsibilities) toward providing district-wide parenting programming. While CHES PTA doesn't have a large budget for any of those now-removed items, we have actually dedicated funds to this exact type of thing before - Nikki Hudson & Steve Kucinski partnered to make several parent education nights happen. (The Title 1 teachers in our building also have funds to dedicate toward these types of scenarios as well; though this survey is going to all Worthington PTAs, and not all are at Title 1 schools.

[Thoughts from parents definitely in favor of adding our school to a list of rotating PTA hosts for parent education nights.](#)

5th Grade Fundraising –Kristen Klopfer

- Our last fundraiser was the CBJ raffle ticket sale, which didn't bring in as much as we had hoped, but did help us get closer to our goal. Our last Camp Ohio fundraiser will be a 5th grade Art Auction. Mrs. Liddil was kind enough to work with the 5th

graders to create a piece of art for their home room. We were hoping to pair the auction with a parent happy hour event at Porch Growler but this will have to be either postponed until this summer or done online. More details to come. Thank you to everyone for your support so far!

Clean the Ravine- Heather Doherty

- Our event is scheduled for Saturday, April 18 from 8am - noon. As of right now, Earth Day Columbus is officially saying that we may still run the event, but with no more than 50 people. However, status is obviously still very much up in the air. If the event itself is cancelled, I'm hopeful that we can still encourage people to come remove honeysuckle and pick up trash with their own tools during Earth week, but at their leisure to encourage social distancing. We ordered 100 tree seedlings, and these are still coming, so we could possibly leave bundles out for volunteers to plant.
- In honor of this year being the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day, we were originally going to work with Mrs. Liddil to create a sculpture in the ravine with "tree cookies", or small slices of trees (think the size of a large chocolate chip cookie). I may still try to make these and leave them out for people to write messages on, hide in the ravine, or take home. All of the above is of course subject to school guidance, so we will check in before encouraging volunteers to participate.

Plant Sale-Rebakeh Kilzer

- As you all know, the plant sale is one of our most successful fundraisers, bringing in over \$6500 in profits for the past few years. This money funds a significant number of PTA activities, including teacher grants and support for student activities. The packets went out on the last day of school and so far, we have only 3% of students who've sold anything. Last year we had over \$20,000 in sales, and so far we only have about \$2000 in sales. We'll need to do some more work to get close to our goal of \$6500. The good news is that we have until April 6th to do so -- please encourage your students to sell using the web code on their packets. If you can't find the packet, it's easy to look up the webcode on the website: <https://app.fundraiseit.org/refer.php>
- I'm working with Foertmeyer to come up with a plan for delivery day (May 2) that can accommodate greater physical distancing. We may need a few extra volunteers to help with sorting on the morning of delivery day -- this won't require close proximity to others. Look for more information on this closer to the date.

In the meantime, I'll ramp up the messages on Facebook and the Google group, and connect with Kate/Sherri to get another announcement in the school updates, if possible.

Last Day of School Party- Heather Scardina

- I reserved the shelter house with the rec center for the 6th grade portion. Jenny and I are going to work on rest once we know what is going on with the rest of the school year. We have the foam pit reserved but other plans on hold until we know more about the school year.

School Supplies- Kristen Klopfer

- To follow up on the new school supply vendor, 1st Day School Supplies, here is a photo of what the kit will look like for students. They are nice boxes labeled with their name and grade level. Once we get a final supply list from the office, we'll have the exact cost of each kit and will send out a link for parents to order online for next school year. Hoping to have this out by mid-April.



