**PTA Meeting September 20, 2018**

**Meeting called by Daniel Vlasic, PTA President**

**Notes Taker: Becky Jensen, PTA Secretary**

Welcome and Introductions

Meeting began - 6:35pm

**6:36-7:01pm Big History Lesson** - 4th grade teachers –(Mrs Casto/Mrs Clor/Mrs Mulford) big history lesson – teachers have been trying to get going for years…it will finally happened this year…at historical museum, but they will go to the capitol…lessons there cover 75% of social studies curriculum. 9am-3pm for a week. A power packed week. The cost - $350 per class plus bussing costs (bussing cost unknown, teachers working to get estimate) (There are three classes). Requesting some funds. Teachers have three fundraisers to help supplement, but still need more money to pay for this. The bill for this trip will come in spring. History lesson happens October 1st-5th.

Courtney Hunt (PTA Vice President) proposed to move funds from 4th grade swim (if it is not happening) to the big history lesson.

Teachers say there is a survey out to k-3 parents to see if swim will continue, as spearheaded by the school. Results of this are unknown and it is also unknown when we will find out.

Courtney moved for a vote for the money to be moved from swim to history lesson - $1500. The board voted and approved this measure.

**7:01pm-7:15pm Tom Loucks – Assistant Principal, in for Lisa Roedel**

Every grade level has had some staffing changes, Mr. Loucks discussed

Looking to hire another para pro (recess & special ed)– anyone interested contact the office, link shared on Bath Elementary page Facebook.

Courtney brought up PTA Facebook page – parents upset/have posted about pick up at Elementary school parking lot…possibly because of some congestion around 2nd grade area pick up places. People still having trouble following rules. General continued rudeness by parents.

Mr. Loucks says it will be better after construction, so pick up areas will spread up. Jan/Feb.

**7:15pm-President’s Report – Dan Vlasic**

**Carnival** – Adrienne chairing again – but needs committees (like cake walk committees, volunteers, games etc) If more than one person is a contact person/point person that night might make things flow better. Rachelle said she would help. Becky will too.

More things need tickets at carnival. People complained of having bought tickets last year, but not enough things took tickets, so they had tickets left over.

Need to decide on a date, form committees. (cake walk, face paint, auction, volunteer coordination, boardwalk games) Committees could meet in small groups. Could use sign up genius…Adrienne will put out something on Facebook. Dan will talk to Lorenda Jonas (principal of Middle School) about Middle school date conflicts.

**Hoop House**

Looking great, volunteers really made it awesome. Many teachers are incorporating into curriculum.

**Budget -** Financial Report

Next meeting we need a budget approved.

Dan suggesting more funds go to staff appreciation

Adrienne has already been crunching numbers to see where things stand. We did not go over budget on any items last year. Every fund raiser made more money than years before. Stop and shop was our biggest fundraiser. Exact numbers will be released and posted in October, along with the new budget. The board will vote on the budget next meeting.

**YMCA**

Adrienne looked into a Possibly family fun night to replace mom/son bowling…would be $8 per person, $5 sibling discount at the “Y”. Tossed around ideas for families to get a good deal at a night like this.

Cupid shuffle – if pushed more heavily as a family event we could have a raffle for girls/dads/guys and moms/sons/ladies. The whole family can go.

**Stop N Shop**

Courtney chairing **–** possible dates Nov 29/30 (preferred)? Or 6/7. Courtney needs someone to shadow her, as Courtney plans to hand off this fundraiser next year.

**Weekend Survival Kits**

**(flyers about this go home)** low income families…kids bring home kits. 2 weekends worth of food for one child. This group is a 5013c. Robin D. came to talk about it and brought an example kit. Each kit costs about $4. Bags packed by church volunteers (Bath/Gunnisonville Methodist churches). These kits go to 70 schools. Robin talked about food disparity/food challenges in our community. 66 kits given at Elementary School. Robin here to answer questions. All money donated here – stays in area. $76 a year to feed a child.

**L**ast time this was discussed PTA had questions. Questions:

*This is grant funded?* No it is not. There are some grants (for new schools only and to establish) written for this program, but the company would rather see community funded.

*Is this a faith based charity? Is this a conflict of interest with the bylaws of the PTA?*

Dan – in the Michigan PTA bylaws, there is wording surrounding support of faith based charities. Dan has contacted the MIPTA for clarification. We will need to hear back before making a decision…UPDATE…Dan got an email during meeting – MI PTA secretary says it is open to everyone not just certain families…have to meet criteria. NO rules against it.

*Are you asking other entities in the community for support?* Yes, trying to garner support.

*A concern -– the program is going to be around whether we donate to it. PTA is a non-profit too – but a concern that we want PTA money to stay in school.*

*How do we know the money raised here stays here?*

Robin will find out this.

This topic will be discussed at the next meeting.

**Misc Financial (Wharton for 2018/19, Historical Village for 2017-18)**

Talked about check numbers and compared notes, checking to make sure things matched. Talked about receipts/bookkeeping items.

**RIF/Library**

Not doing RIF at school. Only did one RIF distribution last year. Hundreds of RIF books get donated to libraries and goodwill. Dan says this is money wasted. These books are purchased in large quantities and they are low quality. Dan recommends scrapping RIF, ($2200 a year) give some of that money to school library and Bath Township library instead. Will review at next meeting after budget is approved/released.

**Food for parent teacher conferences Oct 17-18**

Looking for volunteers (potluck one day + other day PTA buys food)

**Annual Audit of our books:** Looking for a volunteer

**Box Tops:** need cutters, would prefer student help, exploring contest ideas

**Penny Wars** – Need a person to do them and collect coins – The Vlasics are considering doing it together (Shannon/Dan).

**Other**

Dan says our insurance is due in November.

Dan asking MI PTA about individual dues.

**Looking ahead**

Popcorn days – 9/25 & 10/9 – Chris McAllister Chairing

Parent Teacher conferences 10/17-10/18

**Next Meeting 10/18**

Meeting Adjourned: 8:30pm