

# **Graebner Grapevine**

(October 16, 2018 GPTO meeting)

The meeting came to order at 6:35 pm on October 16, 2018, with 4 board members and 8 general members in attendance.

The President, Jenna Wiland, read the GPTO mission statement.

## **Secretary's Report from Kathleen Heberling**

Kathleen Heberling presented the minutes from September meeting and moved to approve. Holly Mayhew seconded.

## **Treasurer's Report from Stephanie Brannack**

- Stephanie presented the Treasurer's reports for September. Stephanie Brannack moved to approve. Andrea Weichbrodt seconded.

## **Principal's Report from Dr. Church read by Jenna Wiland**

- The fun run fundraiser was a huge success! \$8,800 was raised as of today.
- Halloween Parade will be October 31st
- Principal of the day – 2 students will be selected, upper and lower EL
- Election Day – November 6<sup>th</sup>
- Picture Re-take Day – November 7<sup>th</sup>
- Book Fair – November 12-16
- Veteran's Day Readers – November 13<sup>th</sup>
- Parent – Teacher Conferences – November 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>
- Thanksgiving Recess – November 21-25
- Parent's Night Out – November 30<sup>th</sup>
- Holiday Assistance for families in need: Providing turkey dinner to 2 families, book bags, and children coats

## **Box Tops for Education report from Stephanie Brannack**

Box Tops for education should be trimmed and unexpired. They can be sent in on a collection sheet or in a baggie or envelope labeled with child and Teacher's Name and number included.

- \$260 was won via a contest that Stephanie Brannack entered on behalf of Graebner during the summer.
- November 1<sup>st</sup> and Spring Submissions
- For additional Box Tops information, visit the Box Tops website at [www.btfec.com](http://www.btfec.com). This is not a GPTO fundraiser.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Committee Chairpersons/Volunteers Committee Report from Sheryl Franks**

- A chairperson is needed for Restaurant Night, Holiday Night and Playground Committee. Anyone interested in volunteering for committees can contact the GPTO Board at [gptoboard@gmail.com](mailto:gptoboard@gmail.com).

### **Classroom Reps/Baskets Committee Report from Kathleen Heberling**

- Sign-up sheets at the Open House on Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, only 5 off 22 classrooms had a parent sign-up. Classroom reps needed for the Carnival baskets.

### **Community Relations Committee Report from Kathleen Heberling**

- No cards were sent out in October. If you know of anyone who could use a card (e.g., new baby, illness, death), please contact Mrs. Sonntag in the office.

### **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Committee Report from Jenna Wiland**

- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration Committee was voted on today. Chair - Jessica Youanes; Secretary – Jenny Rickards. \$500 GPTO to provide to start off 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Committee with seed money.

### **Green Schools Program Report relayed by Jenna Wiland**

- Mrs. DiBrango and Ms. Petrimoux are heading up the Green Schools Program. Recycling has been done 3 times. Applications for Green Schools team will be sent out next week.

### **Playground Committee Report from Jenna Wiland**

- Looking for a Chair. Committee entails: Jump Rope, basketball order for teachers; Pump up low balls. 13 balls and 5 jump ropes on hand.

### **Beautification Committee Report from Andrea Weichbrodt**

- Purchased Perennials, fall items/decor/scarecrow/fall sign from the dollar store. January 19<sup>th</sup> Denawits renew funds for donations. Apply then.

## **Fundraising**

### Roller Skating Nights Report from Holly Mayhew

- Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup> Skate Night at The Rink earned \$72. Next skate night is Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. Changed Feb 15<sup>th</sup> date to March 1<sup>st</sup> 5-7; May 3<sup>rd</sup> date to May 23<sup>rd</sup> 6-8

### Restaurant Night Fundraiser from Jenna Wiland

- This committee is looking for a chairperson.

### Fall Fundraiser from Jenna Wiland

- Fall Fundraiser – Achatz Handmade Pies. Pies are pre-made and delivered frozen. Selling price \$18 with a 35% giveback for Graebner. The purchase of gift cards is also an option. Flier to be sent out with Friday Folders on November 2nd. Sale cutoff date Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> with a delivery date of December 12<sup>th</sup>.
- \$50 Gift Card to teacher of highest selling classroom; Raffle Tickets to win a Nintendo Switch or \$350 Target Gift Card
- Alternative Donation letter, Veronica Moravcik has a copy to email board

### Scrip Sale from Holly Mayhew

- Sale 11/16-11/30, Delivery 12/12

## **Old Business**

### School Supply Collection by Jenna Wiland

- Due to funding cuts by Utica Schools Administration, the GPTO began a teacher supply closet last year for items such as colored paper, pencils, glue sticks, crayons, colored pencils, etc. GPTO will send out a letter to teachers with a form to request items needed. Donations can be dropped in the office and may be tax deductible.

### Spiritwear Sale from Stephanie Brannack

- Spiritwear sale sold 199 t-shirts. \$420 profit. November to roll out another spiritwear sale

## **New Business**

### Donuts with Dad Report from Sheryl Franks

- This event will be from 7:30-8:00 am on Tuesday, October 16 for families with last names beginning with A-L and Wednesday, October 17 for families with last names beginning with M-Z. Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> had a good turn out.

### Trunk or Treat Report from Laura Pagel (as relayed by the GPTO Board)

- This event will be on Friday, October 19 with a rainout date of Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>.. 75 Spots.

### Holiday Night from Jenna Wiland

- This committee is looking for a chairperson. Holiday Night is Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at Graebner.

### Santa Shop from Christine Gerrick

- The Santa Shop will run December 3-7 during school hours and be open during Holiday Night on Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers to help run the Santa Shop during school hours are needed.

## **General Discussion**

### Fall Harvest Dance from Jenna Wiland

- Event to be tabled. May discuss having in the Spring.

The meeting ended at 8:03 pm. The next GPTO meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at 6:30 pm. All Graebner parents and staff are welcome and child care will be provided at no charge. Connect with us online at [www.graebnerpto.com](http://www.graebnerpto.com), on our Facebook page at GraebnerPTO or email us at [gptoboard@gmail.com](mailto:gptoboard@gmail.com).