**GRANT WOOD PTA MEETING**

Location: Grant Wood Elementary School Library

Date: Tuesday, November 1, 2022

Time: 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Welcome!

* 12 in attendance – reminder to bring a friend for the next meeting!

Treasurer’s Report

* Fall fest – total expenses $1,342, money raised $5,420; overall $4,078 raised
* VIP Breakfast – total expenses $281, money raised $164; overall $117 spent
  + Less expenses this year due to KwikStar $500 donation
* School supply sales brough in $374
* Generic t-shirt sales (grey little bulldog shirts, $10 each) - $300 sold in past month
* Pancheros restaurant night in September raised $206
* We received a donation from PDCM for $500.
* A total of $5,000 was budged for teacher stipends and $1,000 for support staff. To date, only about $1,500 has been used. Reminder to teachers to submit your receipts online for reimbursement!
* We will now be able to accept credit and debit card purchases/donations at events using hardware from WIX (website manager).

Old Business

* Fall Fest - Elissa Douglas, Rachel Cox, Mary Ann Hoeg, Erica Davis
  + Made $4078 in profits
  + There were 275 admission bracelets and 240 meal tickets sold.
  + Families enjoyed having a mix of games and activities and comments were made that the raffle was accessible to all. Kids were excited about having the opportunity to win time with teachers.
  + Suggestions:
    - Plan to work with more of the high school groups earlier in the year to get them signed up for volunteer shifts. Another option would be to look at middle school groups or older siblings.
    - An idea to work with other elementary PTA/PTO groups for cross-volunteering at events so that parents can spend the event with their own family instead of volunteering (ex. GW families work PN event, PN families work GW event)
* VIP Breakfast - Tara Bell
  + The breakfast was very busy – 550+ plates/napkins were used. Leftover yogurt was frozen to use for safe snack at the school. There were $164 in donations at the event.
  + Teachers were glad to be included and liked being able to leave their classroom and participate.
  + Unfortunately, we were unable to get other “VIP” volunteers due to timing, etc. but will look into this earlier for the next breakfast. An idea to reach out to the city for police/firefighter volunteers was suggested.
* Book Fair - Jen Boedeker, Kelly Keith, Elissa Douglas
  + 3 registers! We were able to get everyone through the check-out lines by about 8:40 compared to 9:15 (or later) in previous year.
  + There were $10,680 in sales, 47 books were purchased for the library ($482), and 147 children were provided books through donations ($484) and scholastic dollars ($894). $108 was raised from all for books donations (rounding up purchases).
  + Scholastic dollars $12,000 current total – potential to do a cash out option for next book fair to use the money for another project and not have it tied up in Scholastic dollars.
* Conference Crunch - Jenn Peitscher
  + Diane Rogan did the dinner and had some leftovers for second night. There was also a lot of food brough in by parents. It was suggested to have more drink options at future conference crunch events.
  + Meghan Peterson is going to help chair this event in the spring

New Business

* Immediate
  + Gifts of Goodness - Amie Jones
    - Kickoff Friday, November 4th
    - This project helps out Grant Wood families who need a little extra help celebrating the holidays. The family remains anonymous and you are given a description of the ages/what is needed for each person. If cannot take the entire family can always pair with someone else to split the family up.
    - Drop off early December – look for email with more information from the school
  + Restaurant Nights/Corporate Sponsorships Updates
    - Next up is Portillo’s on Monday, November 14th from 5-8pm
    - Plan for Moe’s Taco Kits in December (presale for 2 weeks then will pick up at the school) and McDonald’s teacher night in January or February.
    - PDCM $500 donation received and there has been contact with other companies for donations. Typically 6-8 weeks to hear back regarding the donations after contact.
* Upcoming
  + Spiritwear - Cari Henson
    - Looking at options for tshirts, long sleeve shirts, sweatshirts with a potential tie dye option and a non-clothing option such as stickers for water bottles/notebooks/etc.
  + Safe snack initiative – Heidi Sloan
    - Heidi brough in a large amount of donated snacks to the school today. Current donations are only covering about 2-3 weeks/month of snacks due to the large need. Please consider bringing items from the safe snack list to the office to help out students.
  + Classroom coordinators/Winter Party - Susan Krieg
    - All classrooms filled except for 1 preK classroom. Information will be going to to classroom coordinators about winter party in the next few weeks.
* Future
  + Trivia Night/Bingo – discuss more at December meeting
  + Shade covering – Jenn Peitscher, Susan Krieg
    - Discussions happening with the district architect for ideas.
* Group discussion - feedback, ideas, questions

Principal’s Report

* Staff and families have been very appreciative of all that the PTA has done recently including the VIP Breakfast, book fair and conference crunch food. It has been a busy month!
* Beyond the Bell program started today with 20 students and there are another 20 that will potentially join the program. They are planning to do a hockey game again this year and sing the national anthem.
* There will be a guest speaker for students during a Veterans Day assembly and the choir will be singing patriotic songs with Mrs. Briggs. All are welcome to the assembly on Friday, November 11th at 8:35am.
* Congrats – Grant Wood went from a school in need of assistance to a high performing school! Thank you to all of the staff who were able to flip the school from the lowest to highest performing levels!

Parent/Teacher Discussion

If you have any questions regarding the PTA please feel free to contact:

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**Next PTA Meeting: \*Tuesday, December 1, from 6:30 - 7:30 pm\* in the Grant**

**Wood Library. Free childcare provided. See you there!**