

Countryside PTO Meeting
Thursday, February 7, 2019
7-8:30pm
Liz Flaig's Home
Minutes

Present: Adam Howes, Liz Flaig, Lori Zinner, Beth Herlihy, Kerry Prasad, Negar Shivaiei, Jennifer Behr, Nik Jathar, Taryn Norviel

- **Committee Positions for 2019/2020**
Known open positions for next year: President. room parent coordinator
- Time to start thinking about nominations
- Adam will get to each of the board members and see if they want to stay on
- Ryan will stay one more year as treasurer
 - Nik throws his hat in the ring for treasurer after Ryan (2020-2021)
- If you have ideas, talk to Adam, Shy or Barbara

Events Recap Adam Howes

Teachers grab and go lunch was on Jan 22

It went well, teachers loved it

Lauren Lookner coordinated, wrote up a great description of what she has done in the past so that is a great resource for whoever does it next year

Upcoming Events

Musical- this weekend, 2/9 and 2/10 Adam Howes

- There are 50-100 tickets available
- That is \$1000.00
- Question to musical people- was there an official recording? If so, an announcement should go out soon
- Someone noticed that last year's production was posted on Youtube; we should make sure that people know not to do that.
- Preview was today, the kids did a nice job

Movie Night - New date, Friday, Mar 8, 6:30-9:00 Nik Jathar

- Nik contacted Swank licensing company and *Coco* is available
- Barry is in for popcorn
- Lori will bring scoop, suggests we do some ahead of time
- Speaker was insufficient for the size, Beth will leave her Bose and cord for Nik to use
- We used Sweet Tomatoes for fall picnic, Liz will reach out to Hedy to order pizzas
- Some concessions were OK, Nik will check to find concessions to this year
 - Popcorn was a very hot seller last year
- We will advertise save-the-date for Movie Night in this Update
- Nik will make a sign-up genius; we can get it out Sunday 2/28

- We need a building permit; Adam will help with that
- The effort for NEMBF last year was a lot of work for very little return, so we will not do it this year
- This is NOT a drop-off event; be explicit in the flier
- \$10 per family; last year we made \$1200.00

Multi-Cultural Festival

Taryn Norviel

Most tables and dances from last year have signed on- new Venezuela and South Africa, haven't heard back yet from Honduras and Ukraine

Play is everyone's focus right now, so once the play is finished people will focus on MCF projects and performances

It is at Brown Middle School; Brown has a bigger auditorium

One concern was that there is a lot of area to run around, there is a lot to explore, we have to block it off or have adults, we have to be aware, it has to be on the parents, too

Raffle

Lori Zinner

85 prizes as of now, we have some good new vacations, CCC prize

Raffle is on 4/9

Ken Volk is making the booklet next week

Keeping same pricing structure as last year

Last year we forgot to include disclaimer that families who cannot afford to participate should

Picture Day

Lori Zinner

- \$1139.00 from Coffee Pond for picture day
- Renewed contract- for 3 year contract you get an extra 3% commission
- They refund if you do not like your picture
- There are scholarships, 5 were used this year, Beth offers
- Picture Day is 9/10/19

Equity Policy Discussion

- Should we have a Countryside community meeting with presenters from the School Committee?
- Do this conversation at the next
- Friday March 1, 8:30-9:15am Upper Cafe
- Thurs, Feb 28, evening 7-8:30
 - Piggyback our PTO board meeting on that (Kerry- reserve space)

Tech Talk for Parents

Beth will book Katie Greer for Sept or Oct, 2019

Facebook

- Adam is starting a Countryside PTO Facebook page, CoPs are still talking about what will be on there, just CoPs can post, no comments, it will be informational only
- Teachers idea- maybe we can Facebook live
- Beth said we can try it with the speakers coming in April from the Baker center
- The goal is diff't way of disseminating information, this might be a good way to get info to get info to people
- We can cross-post all of those reminder emails to Facebook
- Link to the newsletter to FB page
- You can link to Mailchimp