



Call to Order

A meeting of the Palisades Middle School PTO was held at the PALMS garden [4710 Durham Road, Kintnersville, PA 18930] on Wednesday, September 15, 2021, and was called to order at 3:12 p.m.

Attendees

Annie Catalano, Cheryl Stevens, Sarah Landwehr, Dr. Karl Scheibenhofer, Rich Sperring, and Michelle Horvath

Reports

Cheryl Stevens – Treasurer

- Because of summer there is nothing new to report from the treasury.
- Selling teacher snacks is a booming business. Cheryl collected funds for deposit and restocked the snacks.

Dr. Karl Scheibenhoffer and Rich Sperring

- Third week of school and the year is off to a good start. Class meetings were held and students completed map testing. Students took time to remember September 11th and the rededication ceremony for the memorial out front is scheduled for the September 15, 2011 at 6:pm.
- Staff was hard at work over the summer making building improvements. The building was pressure washed and the lettering at the entrance was painted purple. The parking lot was paved. The stage was redone, but there may need to be some repairs. Karl spoke to Dr. O'Connell about the need for updates to the library and the auditorium in the near future.
- Rich mentioned that Red Ribbon (spirit week) has been set for October 24-29.

Old Business

Today's meeting is the first of the year. There is nothing applicable.

New Business

Introductions: Past members introduced themselves to Sarah and Michelle.

Nominations: Cheryl made a motion, seconded by Karl for Annie Catalano to be considered for

president. Cheryl agreed to continue as treasurer. Michelle Horvath was nominated for secretary. Sarah Landwehr was nominated for vice president and will help to maintain and to monitor the PTO Facebook page. Elections will be held next month. Michelle Horvath and Sarah Landwehr will be added to the PTO Facebook page as administrators.

Spirit Wear: Annie reported that same vendor as last year will be used. Orders are due on October 15, 2021. Karl will send information out to families in this week's newsletter (sent 9/17) so they have the order link.

School Store: A discussion was held about whether to have the store open during resource or lunch and which day(s). We concluded that it was worthwhile to try opening during lunch. Karl suggested having a table with some items to advertise the opening of the store a few days prior. Cheryl is looking at her schedule to see if she is able to come in on Thursdays for the lunch periods.

Meeting Dates: Starting in October, meetings will be held the 3rd Thursday of the month.

Teacher Conferences: Parent-teacher conference dates have been set: October 20 (invite only for parents of struggling students), November 11, and November 23 (1/2 day before Thanksgiving). Conversation about whether teachers would prefer grab bags or the more traditional pot luck dinner and which day is preferable. Karl is going to poll some teachers and report back.

Bonfire: Currently conversations are being held about holding the bonfire – details are still being finalized. We would like to talk to someone to set up a table for hot beverages and spirit wear.

Cornhole Tournament: Rich is going to look into some available Friday dates sometime in February. We want to avoid Lent to allow for more snack stand sales.

Additional Comments/Discussion

We discussed updating the PTO bank account. Past president, Diana Santoro, will be removed from the accounts. Annie Catalano will be added.

Announcements

The next meeting will be held Thursday, October 21, 2021 at PALMS (outdoor garden or FCS room – weather permitting).

Future dates for the year: November 18, December 16, January 20, February 17, March 17, April 21, May 19.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Horvath