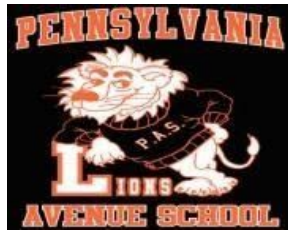


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- ❖ **Date:** December 9, 2020
- ❖ **Meeting Called to Order by:** Joy Barrett, Recording Secretary, at 6:32pm
- ❖ **Executive Members in Attendance:** Susan Palmeri, Michelle Pires, Gerard Palmeri, JoyAnne Barrett, Mrs. Clyne, Mr. Leusen, Principal.

- ❖ **Approval of Minutes from Prior Meeting:**
 - 1st Motion to Approve:** Yes
 - 2nd Motion to Approve:** Yes

- ❖ **Treasurer's Statements:** Gerry Palmeri, Treasurer
 - **-PTO balance:** \$16,877.24
 - **-PTO Goals:** \$16,442.98
 - - 52 Families as Members with 72 Members Total.
 - Last year we had 72 Families with 94 Members.
 - I still need to add in the totals from the recent fundraisers to this balance.

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❖ **Reading of Communications:** JoyAnne Barrett, Recording Secretary

- Nothing at this time.
- Links for memberships and current events will be listed below.
- We've had to communications sent in to us however we did send out a Thank You card and gift to Ciro's Pizzeria and Restaurant thanking them for their partnership with the PTO and continuation with working with us for Restaurant Night's as well as the years of supplying us with pizza at a discount for pizza parties.

❖ **New Dates to Remember:**

- Next meeting will be February 10, 2021.
- Tuesday, April 13th Clothes by the Pound Collection Door 5
- April 12- April 16th 2021 Spirit Wear vendor sale online only (<https://www.schoolteamstores.com/penn-ave.htm>)
- All of December & January on Mondays - Ciro's Restaurant Night
- All of January on Thursdays - Chamos Restaurant Night (Potential)

❖ **PTO Meeting dates -**

- Wednesday, February 10, 2021

❖ **Comments from the President:**

- We received a check from KidStuff for \$150.00 from our sale back in early October.
- Clothes by the Pound was successful with earnings of \$386.21.
- We had our Scholastic Book Fair back in October. We had little participation and \$146.87 Scholastic dollars were earned.
- Penguin Patch Holiday Online sale just ended. We earned 10% back from the sale and so far earned about \$70 total.
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❖ Comments from the President:

- Currently we are asking all students to forward cards or pictures for their teachers to wish them happy holidays and to thank them for all their hard work. Parents can email the cards and photos to our pennsylvania PTO email pennave27pto@gmail.com or to pennave27socialmedia@gmail.com
- We will compile all the pictures and cards and present a slide show to the teachers and staff of Pennsylvania Ave around December 22nd. Please have all emails submitted no later than December 17th.
- As soon as we know a new date for student pictures with Lifetouch we will let parents know.
- Also 5th graders will be contacted to coordinate getting their pictures to get a yearbook done.

❖ Recording Secretary Joy Barrett to The Chairs & Floor:

- Reminder: When it's your turn to speak please limit your notices, questions and concerns to 1-2 minutes. If need be, you can always directly email the Executive PTO Board or Principal Leusen with a concern & to speak further. We would like to try to keep these Zoom meetings as short as possible and this will help to ensure this.

❖ Principal's Comments: Mr. Thomas Leusen, Principal:

- Hope everyone had a great thanksgiving. Still enh=joyable . thank pastor chris and morante family 7 baskets donated to families in need from church. Thank you. Wonderful thing to do. Families are greatly appreciated. Mrs. morante says thank you and to kep her and church in min for anything needed.L- pictures will hopefully be getting completed towards january. Reach out again towards then. End of jan and will be able to plan better.

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❖ Principal's Comments: Mr. Thomas Leusen, Principal (cont.):

- Pivot to remote happened unexpectedly. I happened to find out the same that everyone else did. Just reading the tea leaves and
- the only one that is open currently is toms river. We are a larger district. A lot less chance of outbreak in smaller. Date for return jan 19 fingers crossed. Kids staff making best. Making observations on kids and classes and majority are participating well and working really hard but there are many things weve leaned. Conferences have happened and feedback have been emailed from parents. Glad we were able to pull of and well attended. Thank you. Thank teachers for ll their hard work. Communication is there between family and teacher.
- Holidays are co,ig up with holiday parties- set aside a day or two and have holiday virtual party 23 or 22 bsed on what fits best with schedule and will notify. Once return from holiday break - governor educator of the year announcement nomination reviewed on a panel was pick and is maggy segotta who is in her 4th year of teaching and yud think she was at her 30th year shes that good. When i do observations in kindergarteners are a great place to visit but i wouldnt want to stay. And our other nomination is kathy clyne who has been my right hand mand school nurses are a unique bunch and cathay is always one that i truly respect and confide in and loves those kids and she shows those kids tenderness and love we appreciate everything you do. Kahty- so blessed thank you nd thank god evry day.
- And mrs samano one of 3 educationers recognized on of 93 and wdgbge twنش has over 50,000 ppl and she was recognized as esl exemplary teacher. And the trust and comradery that you hav to build is immense and a lot of times she really is so passionate about these kids and this jobs and she is an advocate for them.

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❖ Principal's Comments: Mr. Thomas Leusen, Principal (cont.):

- This is a spotlight for our great staff it makes my job a lot effective and i really appreciate it.
- New side walk has been poured connecting two pblack tops from bond referendum money. Included security and adding new cameras everywhere to entire school. Ref was hot topic and starting to see money.
- Wishing health happiness and good fortune to all and i really miss you all.

❖ Chairpersons Reports/updates : (LIMIT TO UNDER 2 (TWO) MINUTES.):

- Spiritwear : Our Fall spirit wear order brought in \$80.50. April 12- April 16th 2021 will be the Spring Spirit Wear vendor sale online only (<https://www.schoolteamstores.com/penn-ave.htm>)
- Restaurant Nights: Our restaurant night on Mondays in November and December at Ciro's is still going on. We received \$70.00 thus far. Thank you to all who participate and to Ciro's for helping us in this fundraising activity. It has been arranged to continue this fundraiser with Ciro's for every Monday in January as well. Chamos Latin Food Bakery & Restaurant is also potentially lined up for every Thursday in January. (10% of all food ordered on respective days will be donated to the school/PTO.)

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❖ Chairpersons Reports/updates : (LIMIT TO UNDER 2 (TWO) MINUTES.):

- Sue- A 50/50 drawing was suggested to help fundraising this year. How do the PTO members feel about it? When? How should we collect money (venmo, paypal, etc...) We could host a live ticket drawing? Per Recording Secretary /Joy, We need over 1 month notice to do this to get proper application at town hall. If we agree to this, notice needs to be given well in advance. (Application needs to get applied through 4 copies of notarized papers from both the Recording Secretary & President and approved through that month's Town Council meeting 1st.) L- recommend \$5. A ticket to raise upwards to \$4,000. Another member interrupted/ changed topic to concerns from committee chairs portions of the meeting so Not decided upon at this time.
- Box Tops: \$64 brought in so far. Reminder to scan box tops please. Been slow this year, much easier now sign up on the app. Please go on the app. Remind will be going to go out to social media sites by Joy.

❖ Concerns from other Committee Chairs: (If not urgent, please speak with the Executive Board separately.) (IF SPEAKING LIMIT TO UNDER 2 (TWO) MINUTES.)

- Payal- Sort of on topic with 50/50 but not really. It does have to do with fundraising though. Can we do a movie drive in night outdoors with the kids? I see it done many other places? We don't have many options to do with the kids for fun.
- Gerry- That's a great suggestion but at this time we don't have a License for Movie Rights to do such a thing. Many of those other places that do that either have gone ahead and spent the large price to do so or are doing it under the radar without the licence which would be a hefty fine but we can look into it for the future.

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- ❖ **Concerns from other Committee Chairs:** (If not urgent, please speak with the Executive Board separately.) **(IF SPEAKING LIMIT TO UNDER 2 (TWO) MINUTES.) (cont.)**

- Mr. Terebesky- I actually just looked up the licensing application and it is currently suspended for the foreseeable future so that helps determine that.
- Tricia- I'm suggesting getting an event planner where everything ready for a virtual painting party possibly? We could go on to a zoom and do it together?
- Sue- Tricia, can you find out more info and get the details back to us?
- Joy- Someone suggested in the zoom chat that we could order from oriental trading and do it ourselves.
- Leusen- Whatever is decided, January I think would be a good time to look in to do something like this and let us know the details.
- Gerry- the mall paint one is really expensive but is really fun and gives you all the supplies.
- Lauren Terebesky- virtual cooking was a lot of fun too.
- Tricia- did we see if we heard anything about the playground or blacktop getting done?
- L- no, with these projects sometimes I am the last to know. The money will go to the things that were prioritized first and see what's left over after...
- Chantel- ? about attendance, who do we notify and when is it considered an absence?
- L- simply notify/email the teacher. say if they have a dr app at 1130 and notify/email specials teacher as well if they are going to miss the special as well. Just make sure to send email.

- ❖ **New Business/Old Business:** **(LIMIT TO UNDER 2 (TWO) MINUTES.)**

- None at this time

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❖ Final Comments from the Presidents:

- *Congratulations again to Mrs. Klein and thank you all for your attendance! Have a Happy Holiday to everyone and Happy New Year!*
- Joy, I think we're good to call it?

Adjourn Meeting: Time Called: **7:21 PM** by Joy Barrett Recording Secretary