

HSL General Membership Meeting 3/15/2023

Attendees:

HSL Board Members: Lori Bignotti, Kris Bautsch, Kate Blitzstein, Aimee Kibbler, Susan Gilbert, Kristy Thompson

HSL Members: 4 Members in Attendance + 1 guest (Shawn Riordan)

Meeting called to order by Kate Blitzstein at 7:07pm.

Welcome:

- Kate welcomed everyone to the meeting

Guest Speakers:

- Kris Bautsch & Shawn Riordan: Robotics Club
 - Walked through an overview of Robotics Club. Showed Dash and Dot and how they work.
 - They go through 5 missions, each take about 2 classes.
 - Students partner up in groups of 3 to work through the missions during each session.
 - Robotics Club was originally open to just 4th grade, but opened to 3d graders because they needed to fill slots.
 - Mr. Riordan mentioned he was planning to use the same modules next year, but will see if there are others so the 3rd graders that sign up for the club next year will have a different experience.
 - Mr. Bautsch did a quick program/demo with one of the robots to make it dance.

Budget Review – Aimee Kibbler

- A printout of the budget was handed out to each member in attendance.
- Income: Basket Raffle \$19,989, Super Bowl Pool \$1K, Amazon Smiles, Wawa Hoagie Coupon Sales, School Store
- Expenses: Upcoming Field Trips, Whale Mobile (paid from Art Works), Assembly, Author Visit
- Amanda Dabbeekhe motioned to approve, seconded by Adria Ferreri.

January 2023 Minutes – Kristy Thompson

- A printout of the minutes from the last meeting, in January 2023, was handed out to each member in attendance.
- Minutes were reviewed, highlighting main topics discussed during that meeting.
- Alyssa Lehr motioned to approve, seconded by Jennie Jonas.

Board Elections: President, Vice President, Communications Advisor terms are ending and will be open.

- No one volunteered
- Kate Blitzstein ran unopposed for Vice President again but will be President Elect since no one ran for that position.
- Susan Gilbert ran unopposed for Communications Advisor again.

Committee Updates - Committee Chairs/Board Members

- Basket Raffle (Adria Ferreri): This year's raffle went well, great volunteers and earned almost \$20K profit.
- Book Fair (Jennie Jonas): Spring book fair is scheduled from 5/8-5/12, with set up 5/5. Family night will be Wednesday, 5/10, for 3 hours. Thinking of doing a space theme this time.
- Dine Out Nights (Kristy Thompson): honeygrow in February earned \$58, Troubles End in March earned approximate \$67 but they rounded up to \$100! Theresa Stewart has taken over scheduling dine out events for the rest of the school year!
- Family Fun (Amanda Dabbeekhe): She looked into E5 mobile game truck, it costs \$400 and she'd like to figure out if there's a way to turn this into a fundraiser. At \$15 per person, we'd need 25 people to sign up to almost break even with the \$400. The truck fits 20 kids that can play at the same time and games would be K-4 friendly. If we book and don't meet the minimum needed to break even, we can cancel up to a week before the event. Amanda mentioned this seems like a good vendor to have a relationship with. They also have an ice cream truck that costs \$250 to bring out, but we have to pay for the ice cream truck in advance. He does these events with other schools in the area, not sure if he's done SF before though. She would look to schedule for sometime in April and feels weeknight events do better so thinking Tu-W-Th. Can maybe do 30 minute time slots per child and would need to figure out if people can sign up for more than one time slot. *How can we tie this together with a fundraiser or finishing the walking path paint project? Board can discuss further now that we know we can cancel.
- Fundraising (Kristy Thompson): Super Bowl made \$1K, looking into a spring fundraiser.

- Holiday Shop (Alyssa Lehr): Went well, but already started looking at different vendors due to issues with this year's vendor. The full week was long, maybe condense into W-Th-F. Boyertown does Friday night and pairs with a family event (like cookie decorating) so considering this as an option for next year too.
- Kids Bingo (Susan Gilbert): Coming up on March 31st. Doing for LES students only this year and have 13 students currently signed up. Snack will be included, will play 10 games, cheaper prizes this year so can do 12 winners per game. Amanda offered to help with running this event this year.
- Outdoor Classroom/Beautification (Kate Blitzstein): Wawa hoagie coupon fundraiser is sold out. Anthony Bubel and Kris Bautsch are taking inventory of the Outdoor Classroom t-shirts that are left to possibly sell. Garden bed project moving along with plans for garden beds, seeds and soil being worked out.
- School Store (Kate Blitzstein): First week went well, will do it at the end of each month. May also set up school store during kids bingo.
- Spirit Wear (Kristy Thompson): Designs have been finalized. Planning to offer t-shirts, tie dye t-shirts, shorts, sweatpants, and hoodies. Will be sold via website this year, website should be up and running soon.
- Staff Appreciation (Kristy Thompson): Christine is working on plans for Staff Appreciation Week. More details will be sent out via the HSL weekly email.
- Yearbook (Kate Blitzstein): 88 books sold so far. Low response to 4th grade PDAs, will try another push for requests but also trying to think of new ways to advertise. Personal pages due mid-April. Submit any photos that you have from Family Fun or other school events directly in the TreeRing app.

Open discussion/questions:

- Can we start sending physical paper home with students again to try to help with participating in events and volunteering? One attendee mentioned they used to send stickers home with students as reminders about the HSL meetings, can we look into doing that again? It was mentioned that some teachers do include HSL meetings and events on homework lists.
- Shared with attendees that we're planning to set up an Instagram account and link it to FB.

Upcoming Events

- Upcoming events were reviewed.
- Next Home & School League Meeting is Wednesday, May 31st @ 7pm in the Library.

Call to Adjourn - Amanda Dabeekeh motioned, seconded by Alyssa Lehr. Meeting adjourned at 8:12pm.