

Byrom PSO General Meeting Minutes

Date: November 14, 2023 | Time: 6:00pm | Location: Byrom Library

Attendees: Brooke Avil, Eileen Brandt, Kelley Cameron, Kailina Don, Lisa Love, Holly Paris, Allaire Rosenthal, Christine Simoes, Teresa Thomas, Megan Vassar, Representatives from Boy Scout Pack 35

Meeting Minutes

- Minutes of the October 16, 2023 general meeting of the PSO were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Financial report prepared by Christine reflects account balance of \$141,110.
- Due to a large number of fees with BMO Bank, the PSO is looking into switching banks.

Volunteer Coordinator

- Committee and room parent sign ups have been good and current volunteer needs are close to full.
- Sign up sheets are currently posted for the movie equity night and the holiday bazaar.
- Brooke reminds volunteers that they must check in at the computer in the office before entering the school.
- It was noted that email notification is sent out when volunteer renewal is needed, however expirations have been going to spam folders so volunteers should be aware of this.

Book Fair

- Income was \$1,500, and about \$1,000 in scholastic dollars was used for teacher and library books.
- The Book Fair did not generate as much as the previous, however Spring 2023 was the first time the Fair was back in the school post-COVID and there was more excitement.
- Books for All donations were supplemented with some of the Book Fair profits.
- There was discussion around scholastic dollars and use of funds needing to be more clearly allocated from a budget standpoint for future book fair events.

BB24

- The BB24 theme was selected by a vote at the first wine party – May the 4th be with Byrom.
- Ticket sales will go live soon with an early bird price of \$50.
- The event space (Brix) has a max of 200 people, and ticket sales will close a couple of weeks before the event for food and seating plans.
- The 2nd wine party is coming up on November 16th. Last year there were 100 bottles donated and sold, which the committee hopes to double for 2024.
- There will not be an engagement raffle this year, which will allow for more to be put into the auction.
- Class art projects are targeted to start early and be turned in further in advance than last year. Sign-ups may be posted in December for art projects.

OBOB

- OBOB has kicked off with some struggles. More 3rd grade parents are particularly needed.
- Holly Paris offers to come lend a hand.

5th Grade Party & Legacy Project

- The first 5th grade meeting has happened, next meeting will be December 6th.
- Theme for the party and legacy project ideas will be voted on at the December meeting.

Jog A Thon

- Everything has wrapped up, including allocation of prizes and ice cream party.
- \$18,500 was raised with corporate matches included.

Backpack Program

- Food drive taking place November 20-21.
- Wobble Til You Gobble on November 23 sponsored by Marathon Kids.

Staff Appreciation

- There was discussion around staff appreciation for the holidays.
- Last year staff were gifted wrapping paper, and the PSO may do the same this year with the addition of tags, bows, etc.

Restaurant Nights

- Dave's Hot Chicken on December 5th from 5-8pm. Teacher participation was requested and Teresa Thomas offers to help.
- Other upcoming restaurant nights are Papa Murphy's on December 13th, Panera Bread on January 9th and Panda Express on January 23rd.
- MudPuddles is ongoing through November 18th.

Charlston Wrap

- Almost \$1,000 raised so far.

Redemption

- 4th grade were the Box Top winners for October.

Holiday Bazaar

- Taking place December 15th.
- There will be station rotations with 3 crafts and a hot cocoa bar.

Read A Thon

- Packets for Read A Thon are planned to go out on December 13th.
- Read A Thon begins January 3rd and goes on for 8 days.
- Each day there will be something special including a Piggie and Elephant assembly and spirit days.

Lam Research Grant for Desks

- Grant was denied.
- 20 desks are being delivered from the district.

Art Lit Assembly

- Motion to vote on budget was tabled until a new speaker has been identified.

Headphones for Students

- Headphones purchased today, November 14th.
- \$1,200 investment.

Chair/Volunteer Meeting

- Date to be determined.

Cub Scout Recharter Request

- Pack 35 representatives Jackie and Lance were present to request the recharter.

- The Byrom PSO has been the Cub Scout Pack sponsor for years, and the Pack requested a recharter for another year.
- The charter is under the PSO's EIN, however taxes are filed separately and the financials are held separately.
- The recharter is voted on and passed.

Playground Safety

- PSO poses whether replacement of any playground equipment, such as the soccer goals, could make the playground safer for students during recess.
- Holly Paris expresses that, rather than new equipment, more staff and supervision is needed to enhance safety on the playground. Currently there are only 3 adults between recess and the lunch room.
- The PSO may help reach out to parents to help with recess and lunch supervision.

Equity Nights

- Equity co-coordinator Holly Paris was present to discuss upcoming equity nights and collaboration with the PSO.
- The equity program i built around family, student and teacher equity pillars, with each pillar having \$2,000 in funding for the year. The family pillar focuses on equal access to events and development of community without the pressure of fundraising on Byrom families.
- First equity night will be a movie night featuring Encanto on November 17th. The 1-year movie license was purchased by the equity team and is available for use by teachers and staff in the classrooms as well as for future movie nights.
- Rather than sharing the cost of the movie license and holding separate nights for families, there was discussion around a partnership between the PSO and the equity team for future family night events.
- Upcoming equity nights include an End of Year Holidays and Celebrations night on December 6th, Love Yourself night on February 21st, trauma-informed lecture series with Alfonso Ramirez on January 10th, March 20th and May 1st, and Traditions Night on May 16th.
- A vote to move PSO family night funds and remaining carnival funds to one line item for equity nights (\$2,175) is planned for the December 12, 2023 general meeting.