**PIE MEETING**

**Thursday, December 11, 2014, 7PM**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:** Laurie Asencios, Kathy DeFanti, Karen Elsner, Tracey Fraise, Regina Hill Linda Hernandez, Ebony Joseph, Tanya Keating, Trina Kleinberg, Rowena Koran, Kathy Montal, Krys Pezza, Elaine Rothemel, Christy Solimine, Tina Walnista, Ed Lucy

Kris Pezza motioned to approve the November 13, 2014 minutes, and Linda Hernandez 2nd.

**RECENT EVENTS**

Kindergarten Music Classes with Cindy T.

* Kids and teachers loved it. Came in 2 days, 2 classes each time. Cost is $150 for the 2 sessions.
* Kristy made a motion to spend $450, Karen E 2nd to fund 3 additional months of Cindy coming in to the Kindergarten classes

Holiday Fair

* Co-Chairs: Tina Walnista and Kim Whynacht
* Held Wednesday and Thursday, December 3 and 4 in the Media Center
* Went well; there were a lot of items left over this year; not sure if it was due to kids not as interested in some of the items; this items will carry over to next year
* Ended up with plenty of volunteers, no snags
* There are some kids that come in with $20+ and feel they need to spend it all. It was suggested next year that we reinforce even more in our communications to families the low cost of items…kids don’t need to be bringing in $20+
* Many of the IOUs were returned quickly this year.
* Once all receipts in, will have final financials.
* Tina is stepping down as co-chair for next year so will need to find someone else to co-chair.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Family Holiday Event - Scholarship Fundraiser

* Co-chairs: Christy Solimine and Tanya Keating
* To be held Dec 13, 9-12
* There are about 30 silent auction baskets and 27-28 raffle items
* Raffle tickets and 50/50 tickets to be sold 1 for $1, 6 for $5
* If anyone has them, bring power strips
* Jean Lewis asked about selling spirit items during the event; we agreed it was OK. She will get space at one of the tables
* Attendees will be able to pay by credit card, cash or check; have app for credit card
* Have lots of student volunteers

Family event scheduled for January 16

* Co-chairs: Kathy Montal and Kathy DeFanti
* Would like it to be a mother-daughter event for for 5-12 grades
* Looking into spa night and/or paint night; Kathy has called many of the vo-tech/cosmetology programs and no luck to-date. Krys suggested calling Paul Mitchell School in Cranston, RI
* Will finalize this month.

Father –Daughter Dance

* Working to confirm a date for March 2015.

Mother-Son Event

* Tanya Keating to chair.
* Event will be laser tag; date TBD

Father-Son Event

* Are looking into doing something. Need to check with Physical education teachers to see if dodge ball is allowed.

**GENERAL BUSINESS/MISC TOPICS**

Room Parent/FRCS Office Staff Meeting

* January 8th, at 6:30, just before PIE meeting
* Room parent – FRCS Staff meeting, Heidi Berkowitz will be coming. Will also use the time to get info on future events.

Fundraising Effort

* Provided additional details on Shoparoo and Amazon Smiles; will have online sometime in Jan with information to be distributed to parents; Shoparoo money can go to PTA or school. Need to confirm which way this will go.

Treasurer Report

* Karen Elsner reviewed the budget since Deb Rogers could not be at the meeting.

Holiday assistance program

* There are 6 tags that were left. Karen Harris asked if we would support them. Tina Walnista is going to make purchases with her 30% Kohl’s discount. We had approved spending up to $500 on this program at the last meeting.

Staff meeting refreshments

* Rowena to handle for January.

Boxtops

* Will make plans for future activity for the 2014-15 school year after the holidays

Sunshine Fund

* 2 families – 1 medical, 1 death of father
* Go Fund Me – already have over $600 for one of the families
* Later in the year might need meals

Proposed Community Service Group

* Parent Kathy DeFanti expressed Interested in setting up mother-daughter Community Service group, or it could end up including boys as well.
* Help tie in to NJHS
* Some ideas for projects included yard clean-up; food banks, cradle for crayons…others.

**The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 12, 2015 at 7:00**