

**Schuylkill School and Home Association
Meeting Minutes**

November 2, 2016

SSHA President Cindy Schulz called the meeting to order. This was the 3rd meeting of the 2016-2017 school year and there were 9 people in attendance.

Principal and Assistant Principal's Report:

Dr. Harmer thanked the parent volunteers, staff and secretaries for a successful Fall Party. Everything ran smoothly and the kids had lots of fun. He mentioned that the Book Fair is going well and the students are excited to buy books. Dr. Harmer also thanked SSHA for the raised beds – there is lettuce, spinach and radishes. The students are weeding and interacting with it. They will begin building the Outdoor Classroom on Monday November 7. Teachers are very excited about this and they will develop a system to use it in the Spring. Bingo Night drew a bigger crowd this year, there were many prizes and games - all had fun! There has been a request for another Bingo Night so maybe in February. Movie night is scheduled for Friday December 9 and Parent/Teacher Conferences are coming up in a few weeks. Dr. Harmer thanked SSHA in advance for setting up dinner for the teachers on that Monday evening during conferences.

Kelly Charnley - PCEF

Kelly is the Schuylkill Elementary liaison to PCEF. The fundraiser is on Friday February 24, 2017. She reported that Schuylkill has the largest representation of parents who attend out of the 3 elementary schools. They are looking for items to donate for the auction so she encourages families to check with businesses for donations. In the past, they have also had donations such as being Vice Principal for a half day and VIP seating to the 5th Grade Musical. SSHA is also looking for suggestions as to the prize that they typically donate to PCEF for the auction; you can email Cindy Schulz with ideas. One idea was an APPLE Watch.

President's Report:

Cindy Schulz reported that the 1st Day School Supplies (internet based order of school supplies) has been favorably received the past 2 years and participation is growing. We will continue it for next year but need a new chairperson to replace the current one – only 5-10 hours of commitment total. There has also been a request to have another Family Bingo Night so maybe we will do one in February. Heritage Night has been rescheduled to take place in February.

Vice President's Report:

Janice LaBarge shared that the new committee will coordinate the Teacher Dinner that SSHA hosts during both Parent/Teacher Conferences (November and February). In the past, there has been some issues with not having enough food donations so they will do a sign up genius for monetary donations and smaller items then use the money to have the main course catered. There are still some open committee positions available which have been posted on the SSHA Facebook page – such as Family Fun, Picture Day/Retakes, the Mother/Son Activity, and Spring Social/Fair. She would also like the current chairs/committees to write down a list of all the things each event needs to have done so it can be passed down from one year to the next. Janice also discussed the school gardens as there are more deer in the area that are eating the plants/tree barks. Mrs. Renzulli said she is working with the Chester County Food Bank to look at the need for a fence around the beds if warranted.

Cindy and Janice also raised the issue of Social Media and whether or not SSHA should look into doing a safety awareness event for students and parents. Mrs. Renzulli is willing to help as well. Maybe SSHA

can coordinate with the other 2 elementary schools to do something at night for both Parents and Students, most likely for next school year.

Committee Reports:

- Book Fair - Pam Cannon reported that the coin challenge was amazing and so far, the Fall Book fair is going great.
- Helping Hands – Toni Sullivan reported that Wegmans donated 250 bags to use for Thanksgiving Food Drive. Notes have been sent home to each child requesting specific food items. As a service project, Mr. Long's class will be collecting the filled food bags from each class and organizing the food for the families. Toni will pick up also look into picking up the turkeys on Tuesday before Thanksgiving. For the Holiday Gift Drive, gift tags will be at a centrally located place during Parent/Teacher conferences. They are working on figuring out a way to keep track of who will donate the items.
- Veteran's Day – Mijanou Horne working with Renee Vennera reported that the sign up genius for Veteran's Day is already filled. They are working on organizing the flags to give to the students, staff and Veteran's.
- Holiday Shop – Lauren McCann reported that she is purchasing the items need to sell to the students.

Treasurer's Report:

Katie Schneider states that the budget is in good shape. Petrucci's Night was very successful (over \$300), the Directory brought is about \$1600, the Check Writing Campaign has raised about \$8600 and Bingo Night about \$600. She reported that the coin challenge also did really well for the teachers to buy books.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm. The next meeting will be held on December 7, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,
Mijanou Horne