

Bourne PTA Association Meeting Minutes

November 10th, 2021 @ 6:30 pm, BIS Media Center

Call to Order 6:31

In Attendance: Cynthia Friedman, Melanie Curran, Kristin Taratino, Kelly Buck, Rimi Ponce, Judy Ariagno, Heather Rauch, Linda Dupuis, Emily Hogan, Frances Cichowaski

Reports of Officers

- Secretary – Approval of Minutes
 - No minutes approved – working on getting them from October to approve at December meeting
- President –
 - District updates – no district updates
 - Santa’s workshop is in process – more later in the meeting
- Vice President
 - No report
- Treasurer
 - Treasurer’s report presented and approved
- Membership
 - Currently at 47, 2 added at the meeting being total to 49. Short discussion on how to get more people (Zoom meet and greet, table at Santa’s workshop)

Reports of Committee Chairs

- Bourne High School
 - New librarian has started at BHS – he is engaging and wants to get a lot of new programs started – Poetry, Reading Clubs – he would like to host the December PTA meeting in the BHS library (Heather & Judy will follow-up)
 - Ladies Volleyball is in the state championship
 - BHS Drama club will be presenting Alice in Wonderland the weekend of 11/12, 13 & 14 – tickets on sale online
 - Spirit week was the week of Halloween – lots of participation
 - BHS will be holding a book fair – details to follow
 - Football and homecoming weekend was well attended
 - Bonfire before Thanksgiving game will not be happening this year
- Bourne Middle School
 - new budget – it is being worked on – will be ready for Dec meeting
 - Book fair was in person the week of Halloween – Mon & Tue (Wed – Fri no school because of the storm) resumed Monday and Tuesday after Halloween – good turn out – some technical issues the last day – Ms Riggle – librarian was very helpful during the whole process
 - Mini photo sessions – fundraiser – this weekend (11/13 & 14) \$50 for a session – Stacey Berube local photographer is providing this service – booking online

- Bourne Intermediate School
 - Pumpkin decorating contest went well – about 25 pumpkins – offered at 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prize
 - Penny Wars was a lot of work – but well received – looks like it raised about \$1600- draw back all coins had to be wrapped by hand – it took a lot of work
 - Holiday Bingo – tentatively plans for 12/15 6 – 7 p.m. White Elephant prizes if in person – gift cards if virtual

- Bournedale Elementary
 - Kindergarten and 1st grade both had field trips this past month – the kids seemed to enjoy it
 - Square one art – a little over \$1000 in sales
 - Just held a snack sale - made \$458 – there were a lot of donations made above and beyond the items purchased (all items were prepackaged snacks from the store – nothing homemade) – remaining items will be sold at Swish games next month
 - Book Nook coming back in November – (before Thanksgiving) \$1 a book – there are plenty of books available for the students
 - After Thanksgiving – blast a video on how to draw a snowman for the students

- Communications
 - How do we get new people involved – Zoom meetings, video live for PTA meeting, need to investigate more
 - There have been a lot of hits/views on the Santa Workshop posts

Old Business

- Holiday Workshop
 - Currently there is no one available to help out as Santa (suggestions on looking into a Ms Claus instead)
 - Tina will decorate Santa's Corner
 - Sign up genius will go up in the next week of so looking for volunteers – Pam
 - Budget for Santa's working reviewed and approved
 - Pizza available for volunteers – Tina will call around
 - Student volunteers asked to dress in holiday attire, bring their phones and pens to help younger students shop (response from bot BMS and BHS students very good)
 - Envelopes/flyers should be coming in soon – they need to be staples together – a team will be put into place
 - Stuff a bus will be outside on the Middle School during Santa's workshop
 - Vendor list is at 22 – but could have up to 27 waiting for a few more to respond
 - Tina will reach out to Bourne New Comers to see if they would like to volunteer some time on 12/4

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- Spirit Wear drive
 - raised about \$260 – this money is going into the Book fund

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- Trunk or Treat
 - There was a picture in the paper – the event was well attended

New Business

- Audit committee report
 - Audit team reviewed the books (July 1 – June 30th) there was a \$1 difference which can be explained thru a Paypal expense – the report was approved and will be sent off
- Membership outreach with donation option
 - Nothing new for now – brainstorming on new ideas
 - Tina will send welcome/thank you notes to new members
 - Set up a table at school events
 - Maybe a short bio to be put on FB and website about current officers
- Marty's Chevrolet sponsorship
 - \$1000 donation coming in – someone put the PTA's name down as a local organization to support – they have been told about Santa's workshop and thanked
- Dinner Deals option
 - Kerri Ann is working with Texas Roadhouse for a dinner night – where % of sales would go to PTA – she will get back to the PTA with details and a date – (maybe if we have the date prior to Santa's workshop we could promote at that event)

Announcements/Discussions

- No School, Veteran's Day, 11/11
- Thanksgiving Break, 11/24-26
- Santa's Workshop & Holiday Fair, 12/4
- Next Association Meeting December 8 @ 6:30 pm in the BIS Media Center.

Guest: Francis Cickowaski – Took the floor to discuss his concerns with the curriculum being taught through the Bourne School System – he was very concerned about the article in the paper about the new Inclusiveness Program and the two-woman hired. He was very passionate. It was explained to him that the Bourne PTA does not have anything to do with planning curriculum. He was encouraged to make an appointment to with the superintendent and talk one on one with her.

Meeting Adjourned 6:45

Submitted by: Linda Dupuis 11/16/2021