

Echo Hill PTO Meeting Minutes November 18, 2024



Call to Order Time: 6:30 pm

Quorum: Wittkop Stouffer Becker Mulholland

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. General Business

- a) Treasurer's Report: Molly Mulholland reported on the financial status of the organization, noting that approximately \$23,949 was in the PTO bank account at the beginning of November. Molly also reported that 3 teachers had each requested their \$100 teacher stipend since last month. Other financial items of note: received an additional \$300 for Dash for Cash; print expenses were \$36; Trunk or Treat receipts tallied \$230; Homecoming expenses were \$206; America Reads expenses were \$53; fall conferences expense was \$935; interest earned was \$40.
- b) The 4th grade teachers had previously asked if the PTO would pay for a subscription that pairs with their curriculum. Turns out the district will be paying for it, so it is no longer under consideration from the PTO.
- c) Principal McDonald was not in attendance tonight, so no report was given on his behalf.

3. Apparel Sale: Jess Becker reported that sales totalled nearly \$3,800 in merchandise. The items deliver to school this week; we receive a cut from the sales. Watch for items to be sent home with students later this week. Thank you all for your support of the apparel sale!

4. Trunk or Treat: Ashlyn Wailand gave a recap of the event, reporting that the weather was perfect and attendance was good. Had a few leftover trinkets and prizes; extra items were offered to teachers after the event. First, second, and third place prizes were awarded. Thanks to our sponsors, Siamville Thai Cuisine and Just Make Music for their ongoing support of this event.

5. AirFX Event on Nov. 7: Noelle reported that all things are a go with AirFX for an Echo Hill Night at the trampoline park on November 7. Ten percent of proceeds from admission will come back to our school.

6. Book & Game Swap on Dec. 10: pairs with the Echo Hill Singers Christmas concert that evening as in years before. Set up in the cafeteria includes cookies, juice, and napkins, plus items organized by

type (books, games, puzzles, other). Watch for the volunteer sign up circulating soon for set-up helpers. Sara Lisenbee and Jess Becker will bring a dispenser for water; custodians are aware of the event; we will borrow a library cart like previous years. Any items left over are offered first to teachers, and then the remainder is donated to the Catherine McAuley Center, Cedar Rapids.

7. Hospitality Update: Staci Sperflage reported that conferences went well, which included granola breakfast buffet items, Chik-fil-a for lunch, and Zio Johnno's for dinner. .

8. HyVee Receipts & BoxTops for Education: Amy White reported that HyVee receipts are coming in, and the winter challenge starts today through December 18. Classroom with the most receipts collected will receive honors of the traveling trophy, and all students in the winning grade level will also receive treat bags and trinket prizes as well. To date, Amy reports \$260 for HyVee receipts and \$138 in BoxTops for Education.

9. Community Fundraising: Noelle reported that there likely won't be additional fundraising opportunities over the busy holiday season. Activities may resume in early 2025. She was open to new ideas for partnership ideas. Chilled Freezer Meals and Moe's Southwest Grill were both brought up as past experiences that would be worth considering again. Sara Lisenbee suggested a themed dinner as a fundraiser event, or as a unique opportunity to check out a PTO meeting.

10. Volunteer Coordinators: were not present; no update given.

Next meeting date: Monday, January 20, 6:30pm via Zoom.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.

November 18, 2024 PTO meeting attendees:

Name	Name	Name
Noelle Wittkop	Amy Stouffer	Jessica Becker
Angie Meholensky	Molly Mulholland	Amy White
Sara Lisenbee	Ashlyn Wailand	Staci Sperflage

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