



There was a meeting of the Friends of North Syracuse Early Education Program, Inc. on April 23, 2015 at Main Street School.

Attendance: Shari Doherty, Jennifer Higgs, Jessica Kurpiewski, Linda Kurpiewski, Sara MacMartin and Catherine Podolak

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 pm.

Linda Kurpiewski made the motion to approve the minutes from the March 19, 2015 meeting as prepared and presented. Shari Doherty seconded the motion and it was carried.

*Treasurer's Report: There is currently \$57,873.36 on deposit with \$27,667.54 tied up with encumbered funds and verbal commitments and \$30,205.82 available for use. The expenses for the month totaled \$365.52. Income for the month totaled \$766.67. This income total does not include proceeds from the Therapy Ball. The Solvay Bank account is now closed. Catherine will be purchasing the quiet fans within the next couple of weeks. Jennifer Higgs made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented and prepared. Shari Doherty seconded the motion and it was carried.

*Therapy Ball: The Therapy Ball, at this point, made \$13,305.00 before expenses and after expenses, the net total is \$12,121.92. There was discussion about looking into other venues for the Therapy Ball. There was a suggestion to send out Save the Date postcards to retired staff and alumni parents.

*Playground Research Update: Nothing to report at this time.

*Database Status: Shari is considering working on the donor listing, as she is familiar with it as she worked on it before. Jennifer will supply Shari with a thumb drive with all the spreadsheets with donors, patrons of Therapy Ball and alumni parents.

*Tile Wall Update: Jessica received an email from Brian stating that he knows a reliable person that will be able to put a new tile wall together. He will get a price quote and forward that to Jessica.

*Wish List Request: There was discussion about the rug request from Charlie. After looking at the sizes that were requested, it does not appear that only three rugs would work. There may also be an issue that one of the catalogs that was used for pricing, Friends may not be able to get this price as we are not a school. Jennifer sent a message to the company during the meeting to find out if Friends would be eligible for the lower pricing. Sara is going to explain to Dawn that the three rugs will not be enough and is there anything available from the district. Sherry Nalli requested new die cuts and a replacement roller for the Ellison cutter from the PTO. The PTO voted at their April meeting to cover \$250.00 towards the cost of the die cuts and roller. Shari asked if some of the Ellison die cuts are available from Price Chopper with the points earned. Shari also stated that there are no numbers for the die cut machine and feels that those would be necessary die cuts as well. Sara stated that she will talk with Sherry about the need of the die cuts and look into what can be purchased with Price Chopper points. The request passed the rubric

and Friends agreed to match the amount that the PTO approved pending on the updated die cut listing from Sherry.

*Other Business: There was a question about putting funds into an earmarked account to just about to invest in and let the money grow. At this point, our bylaws do not allow for this. If this is an avenue that we would like to proceed with, the bylaws will need to be rewritten. It was suggested to look into rewriting the bylaws this summer. Jennifer handed out a listing of meeting dates for the next year.

The next meeting will be held on May 21, 2015 at 6:30 pm at Main Street School.

Sara MacMartin motioned to adjourn the meeting. Catherine Podolak seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Higgs