



There was a meeting of the Friends of North Syracuse Early Education Program, Inc. on April 13, 2017 at Main Street School.

Attendance: Hal Breon, Janet Gonçalves, Trisha Harp, Jennifer Higgs, Jessica Kurpiewski, Linda Kurpiewski, Sara MacMartin, and Catherine Podolak

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 pm.

Sara MacMartin made the motion to approve the minutes from the March 23, 2017 meeting. Linda Kurpiewski seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

*Treasurer's Report: There is currently \$44,490.00 on deposit with \$13,457.63 tied up with encumbered funds and budgeted commitments and \$31,032.37 in dispensable funds. The expenses for the month totaled \$452.19. Income for the month totaled \$3,336.56. Jennifer Higgs made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented and prepared. Sara MacMartin seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

*Wish Requests: Tamara Barnhart-Doodly submitted a wish for a PockeTalker and a noise cancelling microphone in the amount of \$159.98. There was not enough clarification on the item and it was decided to table this decision until we receive more information. There was more discussion regarding the iPads for the Speech Department regarding if this is the best use of the remaining technology funds as the Apple Care for the previously purchased iPads for the classrooms will be up and we will have to purchase another year of care for the iPads. At this point, we are not ignoring the request, however, we are trying to weigh our best options. There was also discussion that the iPads would not be available for the summer session, so it may be best to table this until June so that we can continue to do our due diligence for the request.

*Therapy Ball: Therapy Ball is two weeks away and things are on track. Jennifer passed out a list of the donations received to date. There was discussion regarding food for the evening and the layout of the room.

*Open Discussion: There was discussion about revamping the wish request process as to writing up a detailed explanation and/or attending a meeting to better explain the items that are being requested. It is difficult for the staff that attends regular meetings to know what is being asked and many on the board rely on this to make an informed decision. In doing research for the grant writing class, it was found in a write up that we would place a plaque in the school acknowledging the 2008 donation from the Freedman Trust. Sara asked who would she talk to about the funds remaining in the Vaughn Memorial Fund as she has some ideas for blocking access to the back side of the shed. It was suggested to reach out to LeAnn McKinley.

Sara also has a list of gross motor items to be purchased with the Walk-A-Thon funds. She is going to run the list by the teachers and the nurse to see what is the best safety options.

Sara MacMartin motioned to adjourn the meeting. Hal Breon seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously at 7:34 pm.

The next meeting will be held on May 18, 2017 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Higgs