



There was a meeting of the Friends of North Syracuse Early Education Program, Inc. on March 23, 2017 at Main Street School.

Attendance: Hal Breon, Shari Doherty, Janet Gonçalves, Trisha Harp, Jennifer Higgs, Dawn Hussein, Jessica Kurpiewski, Linda Kurpiewski, Kate Lane, Sara MacMartin, and Kristin Pyer

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm.

Shari Doherty made the motion to approve the minutes from the February 16, 2017 meeting. Sara MacMartin seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

*Treasurer's Report: There is currently \$41,605.63 on deposit with \$13,922.63 tied up with encumbered funds and budgeted commitments and \$27,683.00 in dispensable funds. The expenses for the month totaled \$1,240.05. Income for the month totaled \$1,301.66. Hal Breon made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented and prepared. Kate Lane seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

*Wish Requests: Shannon Knapp is working with the Speech Department to get more information for us regarding their iPad request. There is a request from Nicole Kowanes for a DIR Workshop on May 12th for professional development. The fee for the workshop is \$200.00 and will be open to the entire staff. As this is a staff development request, Jennifer Higgs motioned to approve the DIR Workshop. Linda Kurpiewski seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

*Walk-A-Thon Update: The total income from pledges is \$2,472.17. The total of expenses is not complete at this time as Jessica still has some receipts to turn in. The top 3 classrooms were Room 128 AM, Room 105 AM, and Room 104. Jessica had Trisha pull for the winner of the plasma scooter and the winner is Marliana Zientek-Sico. Sara is going to look into gross motor items for the gym to purchase with the Walk-A-Thon proceeds. Looking forward to next year, Jessica would like to have a co-chairperson to work with her on the Walk-A-Thon.

*Syracuse University Grant Writing Class: We received quotes from the district for the hallways of \$31,374.08 and the carpeting in the classrooms of \$44,829.70. These quotes do not include asbestos abatement. At this point, it was decided that we will focus on the carpet replacement for the grant. As for the asbestos abatement, we will be willing to cover the cost up to \$10,000.00. Jennifer will forward all of this information onto Caroline for the grant write up.

*Therapy Ball: Jennifer is still kicking around ideas for the separate big ticket raffle item. Jennifer is still working on various food options for the evening.

*Open Discussion: There was a question of the classroom iPad use during the summer session. At this point, the iPads will not be available for the upcoming summer session due to the temporary move to Smith Road for the summer. There was also discussion about developing a policy for iPad use. Jessica brought up the idea of looking into developing some sort of a scholarship/grant program for tuition. This will need some more investigating to be done and a process written up.

Sara MacMartin motioned to adjourn the meeting. Linda Kurpiewski seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously at 7:55 pm.

The next meeting will be held on March 23, 2017 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Higgs