



There was a meeting of the Friends of North Syracuse Early Education Program, Inc. on September 15, 2016, at Main Street School.

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

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

Sara MacMartin made the motion to approve the minutes from the August 11, 2016, meeting as prepared and presented. Linda Kurpiewski seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

*Treasurer's Report: There is currently \$55,400.57 on deposit with \$33,081.44 tied up with encumbered funds and budgeted commitments and \$22,319.13 available for use. The expenses for the month totaled \$1,071.42. Income for the month totaled \$398.68. Year-to-date expenses are \$172.00 and year-to-date income is \$397.97. Sara MacMartin made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented and prepared. Shari Doherty seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

*Fall Fundraiser: Jennifer Higgs presented the idea for the quilt raffle for the fall fundraiser. Hal Breon added that 31 handbags have also been given as a possible fundraiser. Catherine Podolak and Janet Gonçalves agreed to co-chair the quilt raffle.

*Grant Ideas for spring with Syracuse University: Ideas were presented for updating the cafeteria, updates to the toy room, bathroom remodeling, Smart Board subscriptions, air conditioning in the cafeteria, and scanning/indexing old school files.

*Technology Update: Jennifer Higgs presented an update from Shannon Knapp. Shannon is looking into educational pricing which would bring the cost of each iPad Air down from \$499 to \$479. Total cost would be \$8,050 with educational pricing and cases. Jennifer Higgs made the suggestion of also purchasing a locked cabinet to store the iPads when not in use. Kate Lane suggested the purchase of application gift cards as well.

*Bulk rate mail: Jennifer Higgs met with the postal service regarding bulk rate mailing. The cost is a onetime permit imprint fee of \$215 plus a first year meter fee of \$215. Going forward all

postage is charged at a rate of 5¢ for nonprofit organizations. The idea will be revisited at the October meeting.

*Walkathon Update: The walkathon will be held on Friday March 3, 2017. Jennifer Higgs will publish a "save the date" within the newsletter. Jessica Kurpiewski proposed a budget of \$500. She will look into donations for items such as water bottles, coupons, etc from local sponsors.

Wish Requests: There are no wish list requests at this time.

Open Discussion: Dawn Hussein shared the upcoming playground dedication. At this time there is no set date. Jennifer Higgs shared the idea of April 27th for the 2017 Therapy Ball. Dawn Hussein presented the idea of using the remaining Vaughn memorial funds for the purchase of 2 picnic tables, a park bench and a sun shade. Linda Kurpiewski made the suggestion of rewarding a scholarship to one student every year.

The next meeting will be held on October 20, 2016, at 6:30 pm at Main Street School.

Shari Doherty motioned to adjourn the meeting. Kate Lane seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Pyer
Secretary