



There was a meeting of the Friends of North Syracuse Early Education, Inc. on January 18, 2018 at Main Street School.

**Attendance:** Shari Doherty, Janet Gonçalves, Trisha Harp, Jennifer Higgs, Dawn Hussein, Jessica Kurpiewski, Sara MacMartin, Catherine Podolak, Danielle O'Brien, and Kate Zacharek.

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm.

Danielle O'Brien made the motion to approve the minutes from December 21, 2017 meeting. Jennifer Higgs seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

**\*Treasurer's Report:** There is currently \$46,441.00 on deposit with \$16,011.30 tied up with encumbered funds and budget commitments and \$26,119.69 in dispensable funds. The expenses for the month totaled \$647.09. Income for the month totaled \$615.80. Sara MacMartin made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented and prepared. Catherine Podolak seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. We also received a cans and bottles donation of \$9.00 from I love Kickboxing in Liverpool.

\* Friends of NSEEP received a check for \$160.00 from the yoga fundraiser held by the North Syracuse Parks and Rec Department and the money will be used to buy yoga mats from Amazon (104' for \$125.00) and about 30 mats will then be cut to be used by the students. Any left over money will be used to purchase a yoga app to help the students perform some of the yoga poses.

**\*Wish Requests:** Charles Defazio put in a request for carpets, one for ramp and one for the area above the ramp on the first floor. This request will be discussed further at the February meeting.

**\*Walk-A-Thon:** Danielle O'Brien is printing brochures and pledge sheets and Janet Gonçalves is printing the sponsor letters for walk-a-thon. The family letter will be printed out and sent home with students the second week of February. The Walk-A-Thon is going to be held on March 2, 2018 at Main St. School. All students who bring in a donation of \$40 or more will be entered to win one of three grand prizes: 2 plasma cars or a tablet. Every student will receive a ribbon and a Texas Roadhouse gift certificate for participating in the activities during the Walk-A-Thon. The top 3 classrooms that bring in the most donations will earn a yogurt party from Wegmans. There are left over freeze pops that will be snacks for the students on the day of the Walk-A-Thon. Walk-A-Thon needs 4 more volunteers to help things flow better, so if anyone is available to volunteer, let Jessica Kurpiewski or Danielle O'Brien know before March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**\*Therapy Ball:** On April 12, 2018 we will hold the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Therapy Ball at Barbagallo's. The price of tickets this year will be \$20.00 for pre-sale tickets and \$25.00 for tickets at the door. On January 31, 2018, we will be putting letters together to send out to past donors, all are welcome to come and help out. If

anyone is interested in helping with any online applications for this or other donations, please let Jennifer Higgs know. Jennifer is also looking for volunteers to help with the committee for Therapy Ball, anyone interested in that please contact Jennifer Higgs.

**\*Fundraiser Ideas:** Sara MacMartin is going to look into doing a fundraiser with Panera Bread. At the time of this meeting, we are still waiting for the check from Five Below.

**\*Open Discussion:** Jennifer Higgs has not heard from the Syracuse University professor about the grant class. Kate Zacharek is going to do some research to find a grant to possibly replace the tables and chairs in the cafeteria.

Sara MacMartin motioned to adjourn the meeting. Kate Zacharek seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously at 7:26pm.

The next meeting will be held on February 15, 2018 at 6:30 pm at Main Street School.

Respectfully submitted,

Trisha Harp