

There was a meeting of the Friends of North Syracuse Early Education, Inc. on March 15, 2018 at Main Street School.

Attendance: Shari Doherty, Trisha Harp, Jennifer Higgs, Dawn Hussein, Jessica Kurpiewski, Linda Kurpiewski, Sara MacMartin, Catherine Podolak, Kate Zacharek.

The meeting was called to order at 6:40pm.

Shari Doherty made the motion to approve the minutes from February 15, 2018 meeting. Kate Zacharek seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

***Treasurer's Report**: There is currently \$42,211.11 on deposit with \$12,606.00 tied up with encumbered funds and budget commitments and \$25,285.41 in dispensable funds. The expenses for the month totaled \$5,130.89. Income for the month totaled \$4,421.96. 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.

Sara MacMartin will be in contact with LeeAnn McKinney to find out how the remaining funds in the Vaugh Memorial fund are to be spent.

*Wish Requests:

River Rock Planks: Sara MacMartin presented the purchase of more river rocks and vinyl dots for the gym for a total of approximately \$90.00. Jennifer Higgs made a motion to use \$90.00 from the Gross Motor Fund to purchase the river rocks and vinyl dots. Shari Doherty seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. It was approved for purchase with funds from the gross motor fund.

***Walk-A-Thon**: The Walk-A-Thon was rescheduled for Monday, March 5, 2018 due to a snow day cancelling the original date of Friday March 2, 2018. Volunteers showed up to help out and the students enjoyed the event. Many of the students were showing off their ribbons they earned with pride. Donations are still coming in and there is not an official total on the fundraising at the time of the meeting.

***Therapy Ball:** On April 12, 2018, we will hold the 10th annual Therapy Ball at Barbagallo's. The price of tickets this year will be \$20.00 for early ticket purchases and \$25.00 for tickets at the door and they went on sale March 1, 2018. Donations are coming in gradually, with one month left before Therapy Ball.

***Open Discussion**: Friends was able to help a family in need, due to an extreme medical hardship, pay tuition fees for the last three months of the school year so the young girl could continue her education here at Main Street school and keep things a bit consistent for the child. The parents were beyond thrilled that Friends was able to help them out during this time. Friends will be forming a committee to come up with a written policy and procedure to handle situations like this in the future.

Jennifer Higgs motioned to adjourn the meeting. Sara MacMartin seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously at 7:25 pm.

The next meeting will be held on April 19, 2018 at 6:30 pm at Main Street School.

Respectfully submitted,

Trisha Harp