

Society January 2024 Meeting Agenda

January 9, 2024

MMH Art Room

In attendance: Megan Paul, Kaira Cale, Jodi Anderson, Megan Gemmill, Indie Fyfe, Lindsay Wehrwein, Kerry Taylor, Michelle Hood, Laura Keffer-Wilkes, Danica Forsyth, Sara Prete, Kaila Ulch, Kinsley

Call to Order – 6:37pm

Approval of Agenda: Megan Gemmill

- Second: Megan Paul

Treasurer's Report – Jodi Anderson

- Update on Budget
 - A signed cheque has been brought in for classroom libraries to be ordered for Kerry
 - In response to a previous inquiry: funds that have been paid out over the last three years include checks for:
 - \$17, 241 Bens Beef Jerky & Mixing Spoon
 - \$13, 000 Little Caesars, Cookie Dough, Donuts
 - \$14, 801 Dance a Thon
 - \$4, 253 Kernels

Old Business – Kaira Cale

- Pizza Night
 - December earned \$50.51, the goal is \$500 for the year and we are sitting at \$238.48
 - January pizza night is Thursday, Jan. 11 and the office will send out messaging
- Pizza Parties
 - Winners from the dance-a-thon have been put on hold – Danika volunteers to be at the school when Little Caesars delivers to take to the classrooms
- Tin Pie Plates
 - Society will provide the materials. Kaira will connect with Kerry on the date this will happen.
- Mabels Labels
 - Another check for \$55 has been given to the school. It is an easy way to generate income. There isn't a goal to reach, just welcomed additional income.
- Casino
 - Feb. 10/11 – we still need an 8pm-4am shift covered for Feb. 11th
 - Any snacks or items for downtown is allowed
 - No laptops or ipads are allowed
 - Each volunteer must have a drivers license or other form of ID when arrived
 - No drinking alcohol or gambling 24 hr before or after your shift
 - Temperature change in the cash change fluctuates so bring layers
 - Business casual attire for volunteers
- Donut Day
 - Bootsma has raised the prices to \$3.69 per donut/box but we really don't want to raise the price for students, so it will stay at \$5.
 - We need volunteers for Feb. 14th from 8:30-12 approx. to pickup the donuts and hand them out at the school.
 - Danica, Kaira, and Kerry will all help out.

New Business

- Spring Fundraiser
 - April 9th – 23rd is the timeframe for the fundraiser
 - Kernels is being proposed since last year we raised \$4711 selling bags of popcorn. An inquiry has been put into Kernels to get 2024 pricing. Last year we sold them for \$3 a bag and would like to keep pricing the same.
 - It was very easy to work with this local company and we would like to support them again.
 - Vote – in agreeance 8, opposed – 0

Pause in meeting at 6:56pm to wait for Treasurer to be in attendance

Resume at 7:17pm

Round Table

- Society Finance
 - Inquiry was made into why the fundraising money is held onto for spending in the next school year. What is the incentive then for Grade 5 parents to attempt any fundraising if they know the money is not being spent on their children in that given school year? Why does society carry such a high slush balance?
 - Response – we need to be able to pay for our product ahead of time, so we need to have the funds available ahead of time. We also need to wait for the turnaround for the division to reimburse from SchoolCash online.
 - Proposal – can we change it then so that we begin spending money on the year it is raised? Prices are going up every year, and if we are communicating to parents that we intend to buy something with that money, it should be in the building that year.
 - Rebuttal – It is okay to fundraise for the students to come, because it pays it forward for younger children or future students.
 - Response – But for the students who are putting in the effort this year, it is hard to explain to them that you will never see it if they are in grade 5. You also have no control over society or council for next year. They may vote against what was decided upon and there is no bylaw that would stop them for doing that. Maybe this is a bylaw change?
 - Danica Forsyth – motion made for Kerry Taylor to purchase recess equipment in an amount not exceeding \$2500.
 - Second: Kaila Ulch
 - All in favour - 8, Opposed – 0
 - Kerry will send a survey to students through homeroom teachers and gather what they would like to see and then present it to council at the next meeting.
- Special Resolution – Society needs to put out a notice, 21 days prior, specifying the place, date, time, and reason for the meeting in order to change the Society Bylaws.

Adjournment – 7:51 Kaira Cale

- Second Megan Gemmill