

Oswegatchie School Organization, Wednesday, March 12th, 2025, Monthly Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Maria S. at 4:35 p.m.

Location: Library and Zoom

Members Present: Christine Dulin, Laura McCue, Tammie Hullivan, Karen Barnett, Amy Crocker, Joe Macrino, Andrew Stino, Taylor Stino, Maria Sogard, and Doris Crum

Agenda:

I. Officer and Committee Reports:

- A. President's Report, Maria S:** The science fair and the basket raffle were successful. Thank you to all who helped and participated.
- B. Financial Report, Andrew S:** The circus cashed the check. Tammie H. asked how much they spent on Science Night so she knew for future reference. It was approximately \$500.
- C. Vice President Report, Taylor S:** The basket raffle was hugely successful. Indoor planting has begun, and the mud kitchen is open. The board is working with Dianne Houlihan, Director of Food Services, on the hydroponic garden to grow lettuce that students can eat.
- D. Teacher(s) Report, Tammie H:** Science night was great. Thank you for the personal notes; they make a difference. Thank you for the donuts. The following faculty meeting is on April 8th. Conferences are next week; teachers will reach out. Read Across America was last week; the kids had a great time. Report cards will go home on March 28th. A reminder: April 1st is the deadline for field trip funding through the OSO.
- E. Principals Report, Joe M:** Summer Academy and ESY will be at Great Neck this year. Forms will go out this week. Camp Dash sites will be Oswegatchie and Quaker Hill this year. The promotion date will be out soon. Field dates are set, and the Kona Ice truck has been reserved.
- F. Garden:** See VP Report
- G. 5th Grade:** The committee is working on the yearbook.
- H. Annie Play:** Families are donating supplies and the backdrop will be set up soon. The stage crew is working hard.

II. New Business:

- A. Technology Proposal—Laura M:** Enhance OSW's much-needed STEM program with drones, robots, charging stations, and a class pack that could be shared (pairing up students). Create a sign-out sheet, and Laura would be happy to co-teach a lesson—dollar value: \$3687.
 - 1. Questions:** Can the OSO buy from Teachers Pay Teachers? Laura M. will check what she has and which would be best.
 - 2.** The basket raffle brought in over \$3500, along with donations from Oswegatchie FD, Waterford VFW, and Dominon. Taylor S. motioned to spend up to \$4000 to purchase from the STEM wishlist, seconded by Andrew S. It was approved unanimously.
 - a) Reminder from Karen B. to use the Tax ID certificate so we don't pay tax.

- B. Annie Cast Party—Karen B.: The party would take place on Saturday, April 26th, 30-45 min. The request is for \$100 to supplement snacks and drinks. Initial invites would be sent out on March 26th, along with reminders on April 21st and 24th. This would be free to the cast and their families.
 - 1. Doris C. motioned to approve the request for \$100 and for Karen B. and families to be responsible for the planning and execution of the cast party. This motion was seconded by Andrew S and was approved unanimously.
- C. Marine Science Day: Request for \$200 to supplement activities.
 - 1. Taylor S. motioned to approve \$200 for Marine Science Day and Andrew S. seconded it. The motion was unanimously approved.
- D. 3rd and 4th grade field trips: Both grades have asked for funds to cover their field trips.
 - 1. \$1000 has been approved for grades.

III. Upcoming Events:

- A. Panera Bread Event: March 19th from 4 - 8 p.m. at the Waterford location only. Show the flyer if you plan to purchase in person. 25% of sales will benefit the OSO initiatives. Please feel free to forward it to friends and family. Joe M. will post it in the email.
- B. Penny Wars: Friendly competition begins on March 26th and ends on April 9th. Money will be counted every other day.
- C. Kickoff to summer event: A possible free event with popsicles is in the works, a great way for parents to meet.
- D. Teacher Appreciation Week: May 5-9, more will be discussed at our April meeting.

Taylor S adjourned the meeting at 5:10.

Minutes submitted by Doris Crum, OSO secretary.