

**Pier PTO Meeting Minutes
September 28, 2023
Pier Library**

WELCOME – President Vicki Neumann–

Call to Order: called to order at 6pm

Introductions: Vicki Neumann Pres, 5th grade daughter. Terri Rebek VP, 5th grade daughter. Kari Zehren, secretary, 5th grade daughter as well. Jen Bergen, Treasurer, 2nd grade son. Koreen Larsen, Teacher Rep/Co Treasurer. Jenny Hughes, principal. Mike Mich, 2nd and 4th grade sons, Kaitlyn Lloyd, parent of Reagan, Amber, parent 2nd grader Ava in Eeg, Brianna Frei, parent, new to Pier and just moved back to WI, 3rd grade student in Rauhen and 1st grader in Steinberg, Dan Z, lead custodian.

Approval of Motion to approve [May 11th Meeting Minutes](#) by Teri R. 2nd by Jen B. Approved by all.

Principal's Report

We have a strong start to our school year. It has been peaceful and smooth. Teachers and students are focused on student learning and goal setting. Our leadership team is sharing highlights about staff with student comments on facebook and in the monthly parent news site.

Overview of our 90 Day Plan [Pier Year 1 - 90 Day Plan Snapshot](#) Working on connecting goals to the student dreams, posting student work in the hallways and some are really cute. UVA training was held this summer for the principal and will be throughout the year. Leadership team has done lots of work and will be focusing on literacy this year.

Teacher Representative Report by Koreen L

Just let me know what you need me to do. Mr. Hallaway asked about any parents that would be able to volunteer for the concession stand at FHS on Oct 13 from 8-9:15. Each school has a time from music parents.

Treasurer's Report by Jen B.

Paid scholarship, taxes, spring 2023 field trips. Question was, what the annual budget was, last year we ended at \$10,000 total. Balances are high right now.

Deposits

Toppers-\$164.76

Account Balances

Checking: \$ 9,144.02

Savings: \$5,113.03

Events/Fundraising Committee Reports

Event	Chairperson(s)	Date	Comments
Box Tops	Teri R.	Year long	Send out reminder of how to use, \$23.00 Current amount
Book Fair	Kari Z.	Fall/Spring Conference	All set for conferences, Sabina Biel will help with the Pier school side. Will need

			helpers to work, Kari will send out a schedule for sign up. Are day conferences a half day or full day?
Clothing Sale	Kari Z.	November/April	Can we ask if we can use Sports World and not Hoppers. Hoppers can only do 5 choices, paper and cash. Jenny will ask the communication director
Culver's Night	Jenny H Vicki N	Sept 21st April	Sept 21st raised \$350 Volunteer concerns, no teachers after 6:15
Fat Joe's Night	Kelly Eeg?	March	Skipped for tonight
Festival Cards	Vicki N.	September	Orders are coming in, we have sold 112 cards currently. Talked about leaving some in the office again till they get picked up, Sales form is not clear about what this is and the benefits are. Maybe a video for next year.
Holiday Party	Vicki N.	December	Middle School Band concert is Dec 14th
Kringle Sale	Kari Z Vicki N	Fall Start Date-10/10-10/23 Delivery Date-11/14	Ruth is organizing again this year Society hopefully provides volunteers for sorting. May need volunteers on 11/14. Same price for Kringles again
Luna and Lake Book Event	Mike- Luna & Lake	May	Thinking of moving to December to tie in with Xmas, gift cards again for students who stop in, don't need teachers to read.
Strawberry Sale	Vicki N Kari	February	Thanksgiving-Xmas information comes
Scholarship	Kari Z, Jenny H, Jen B	March-send out April-due May-announce	A former Pier student gets \$500 scholarship
Stem Night	Vicki N.	April	skip
Teacher Appreciation	Teri R	May	Pick a theme and go. Can we make a parent sign up to help bring in food?
Toppers	Vicki	Year long	Try for October conferences at least one night
Walk a Thon	Jen B.	May	Students do this like laps and get bracelets for each lap.
5th Grade Recognition		June 2nd 2-3pm	skip

Old Business:

- ☐ Future of PTO-need more parents as 3 of us are leaving

- ☐ Storywalk? [https://panniergraphics.com/exhibit-bases-frames/storywalk-exhibits/-](https://panniergraphics.com/exhibit-bases-frames/storywalk-exhibits/)
 - ☐ 15 will be about \$290 each. And 20 would be about \$285 each. Plus shipping.
 - ☐ What did we decide on the storywalk
 - ☐ Could this be an Acuity Grant
 - ☐ Right now we are going to hold off this due to the vandalism that happens. Jen B did send this out to the Boy Scouts if someone needed an eagle scout project.
- ☐ June 5th all receipts are due. We ran into some issues last year with late receipts and that affected the budget
 - ☐ Motion to approve that all receipts will be due by June 5th of that school year for timely repayment and budget concerns. Motion to approve by Kari Z, and 2nd by Koreen L. approved by all
- ☐ Ideas for money in account
 - ☐ Sensory walk was suggested
 - ☐ Buy yearbooks either all or part
 - ☐ Gaga Ball
 - ☐ Field Trip cost for students- currently about half the class needs help paying and that money comes out of the school's budget. Could other families sponsor a student and pay that cost and could PTO help cover the cost for students that don't pay or can't afford to?
 - ☐ PTO also pays for intramural registration fees for kickball, volleyball, and basketball
- ☐ Pier t shirts for all students-shirts are ordered, Hoppers will contact Kari when done

New Business:

- ☐ Approve 2023-2024 Budget. Motion to approve the 2023-2024 Budget as presented by Jen B and 2nd by Kari Z, approved by all
- ☐ Taxes: currently Huberty does our taxes and the fee is raised to \$900. We got hit with a large bill due to a contact mailing error. Jenny H. spoke with Huberty and got it settled for the amount that we need to pay. Jeb is shopping around for a new tax account to do our taxes. Zuk account above Lunar and Lake was recommended.
- ☐ Communication between school and PTO, such as turning in forms, PTO picking stuff up, making sure things go out in a timely manner. Discussed after the meeting.
- ☐ Teacher Fund Request-1st grade white boards-Kari has the paperwork Motion to approve teacher request for the purchase of white boards up to the amount of \$335.70 by Kari Z, 2nd by JB approved by all. Koreen Larson is requesting white boards for 1st grade, she will work with Mrs. Steinberg and find some to purchase.
- ☐ Teacher Fund Requests – Mr. Dan – white tables fold in half and regular, racks for locker room Motion to approve the purchase of 6 shelves for the locker room to organize things for a total amount of \$1,140.00 by Jen B, 2nd Teri R. approved by all
- ☐ Motion to approve the purchase of 6 white plastic tables and 2 white plastic folding tables for the amount of \$500.00 total by Jen B, 2nd by Kari Z, approved by all
 - ☐ These tables will allow the school to get rid of the heavy wood tables and have more tables accessible for school uses.
- ☐ Seesaw- Are teachers going to use Seesaw like other elementary schools do? Isn't this the district request on how teachers should be communicating with parents? Teachers can post student work to it and parents can log in to see that. Just wondering.

Next Meeting: November 30th-Pier LMC, Books for class-6pm

Adjournment-- motion to adjourn by Kari Z, second by Koreen L, approved by all .