



## SEVENTH AVENUE SCHOOL PTO MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:** October 10, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Seventh Avenue School, Library

- I. Call to Order & Introductions** – Meeting was called to order at 7:07.
- II. Welcome and President's Report**
  - Fun Lunch – Discussion held regarding whether to conduct fun lunch as in years past (i.e., having people sign up and pay) or whether to do fun
  - Action item – Kickball item funding request. Shuffle netted about \$3500, and quote for kickball field is \$7400, so we have a \$3900 unbudgeted shortfall. Also, discussion held regarding ongoing maintenance costs. The vendor has quoted \$1800 per year to keep it up, but still exploring whether the district or current landscape company might be able to take on some of the upkeep.
  - Motion and second, vote to approve the additional funds (\$3900) for the kickball field.
- III. Principal's Report**
  - Erin provided recap of Halloween plans.
- IV. Teacher's Report**
  - Mrs. Bukowiecki and Ms. Harvey attended and expressed thanks for the support in the Seventh Avenue Shuffle. Reported on some of the in-school activities they are doing in connection with Wonder.
  - Candice asked that all teachers be reminded to fill out Book Fair wish lists by 10/17, and also complete their lists of Favorite Things.
- V. Other Officer Reports**
  - A. Secretary**
    - *Action Item* – On a motion properly made and seconded, the minutes from the 9.19.2024 meeting were approved as presented.
  - B. Treasurer**
    - Patricia provided an update on Finances.
    - Jo noted that we have a \$50 credit with the Spirit Wear vendor because our sales have exceeded \$1000. (Vendor also returns 10% of sales via direct deposit to SASPTO)
  - C. First VP**
    - Dine & Donate
      - Barrell House Social was 10.9.24; Benny does not have results yet.
      - 11/7 – Q-BBQ
      - 1/7 – Chipotle
      - Other plans:
        - Enzo's for February
        - Mattone's March
        - Café Salsa April
        - Billy Bricks May
        - Buona Beef June
    - Potential movie event at La Grange Theater

- Benny has been working with theater manager regarding options for a day at the movies.
- If we wanted to do a special showing of Wonder, there would be a fee to rent the space (\$350) and also fee to license the film rights (~\$150). Also, discussion held about whether to consider a different kind of venue/model, which meeting attendees supported. Will plan to do on Jan. 10; latest proposal is for either in School gym or third-party location.

#### **D. Ways & Means**

- Book Fair updates – Lauren reported that all is on schedule. Jo will again organize a coat swap with Cara Gill. (There will be a large bin out in the morning and after school starting next week. All sizes.)
- Auction Planning – Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> at the Elm. There will be an Auction kickoff on Nov. 3.

#### **E. School Support**

- Fall Staff Appreciation
  - Drop offs will be by the 18th; sign-up will be ready by tomorrow so we can push out by 10/11.
- Taco truck – There is a \$200 fee for the same company to return. Jen will attempt to see if that can be negotiated, but we will proceed with booking, either way.
- Bingo Night Recap – We had 120 people attend.

#### **VI. Discussion Items / New Business, *if not covered above***

- Past Events
  - Seventh Avenue Shuffle – The prize thresholds to earn Bingo and a Pajama Day. Snacky bingo day is TBD, and we will likely do Pajama Day on 11/1.
- Upcoming
  - Trivia Night – 10/25. Reminder to get teams together, and especially urge Kindergarten and First Grade families to sign up. Early Bird pricing (\$40) ends 10/18; after that it goes up to \$50.
  - November Picture re-takes are 11/7/24. 1 volunteer needed; Candice will follow up to arrange for a volunteer.

#### **VII. Open Floor**

#### **VIII. Adjourn – 8:15**