

NEW HARTFORD PTO

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday September 20, 2023 @ 6:30 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday October 18, 2023 @ 6:30 pm

1. Introductions
2. Financials- accounts overviews. Melissa is working on a budget.
3. Fundraising
 - a. Fall- Spirit Wear- Steph H
 - i. Book Fair- Ann G - Dates for fair will be 11/15 - 11/22 (Set-up will be Wednesday, Thursday - teacher preview, Friday ANT., Monday Bakerville, and Tuesday - NH)
 - ii. Book Fair is open during parent/teacher conferences but is currently at ANT. only
 - iii. Butter Braids- Selling during Nov- Submit orders 11/27. Deliver 12/4 to ANT
 - b. Winter- Christmas Bizarre- Kristen K and Sam W.- will need some volunteers to help. Looking to do this at each school instead of just ANT. Coordinate with schools.
 - c. Spring: School Cookbook- Steph Baba will help if we're interested in pursuing - this will be tabled for now and focus on Wolf Pack and Flat Bread fundraising options.
 - d. Wolf Pack Game Night - similar to NH night at Yard Goats. Discussed options and having sometime in January - Tina will follow up with more.
 - e. Flat Bread - any Tuesday night can be chosen - more to follow up on as dates can get booked fast. Most likely a raffle table would be set-up (5-8pm)- Tina getting info
4. Events
 - a. Enrichment/Assemblies:
 - i. Fall: Bubble Magician- 10/4- NHE, 10/5- ANT- 2 shows, then BA. Scheduled with the schools and Casey Carle, the Bubble Magician. More info: <http://www.bubblemania.com>
 - ii. Anti-Bullying Assembly- Deb Marciano reached out- her brother does professional lectures on the topic as well as others. Waiting to get details from him to try to coordinate and set up
 - b. Special Person Dance- Raymond Farm will donate the space on a Friday night in February
 - i. Theme "Winter Wonderland"- Kristen K. Chair- need volunteers
 - ii. Discussed possible alternate location of Harmony Hill Farm
 - iii. Discussed food options: pizza and desserts
 - iv. Discussed time - 6-8pm
 - v. Photo Booth - deciding on options for photo booth, possible need for two or exploring option of local photographer(s) and having a scanner available to have printed picture
 - c. Son and special someone event?? Kristen mentioned doing soon to avoid baseball
 - i. Discussed possible locations - R&B, archerie business in NH, Go Cart facility in Simsbury or Wolf Pack Game

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- d. Parent's Night Out- need to set a date with Raymond Farm
 - i. Organize volunteers to start working on vendors, raffles, etc.
- e. Spring- Family Fun Day- instead of bounce houses, discussed Family Day at the YardGoats
- f. Other Potential Events?
 - i. Jukebox Bingo/Regular Bingo
 - ii. Paint & Sip Night
 - iii. Mom's Night Out- Vineyard or somewhere?
5. Increase Participation
 - a. Room Parents- Steph H.
 - b. How do we get more support from parents?
 - i. Send out a possible Google Survey to see where interest lies from the parents or what they would be interested in?
6. PTO Meeting Dates/Time for 2023-2024 school year (Wednesday's)

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| October 18th, 2023 6:30pm | February 21, 2024 6:30pm |
| November 15, 2023 6:30 pm | March 20, 2024 6:30 pm |
| December 13, 2023 6:30 pm | April 10, 2024 6:30pm |
| January 17, 2024 6:30pm | May 15, 2024 6:30pm |

*Back to School Meeting August 21,2024
7. NH Education Fund (Kate Tripp) - Jessica Hodgkinson and Shana McPherson help to review grants for NHES Fund.
 - a. Melissa gave Kate a check for \$4,909.18 from the NHEF Checking Account - there will always be a remainder of \$250 in this account. Check was made out to Northwest CT Comm. Foundation - NHEF on memo line. NWCT Comm. Foundation manages the NHEF accounts
 - b. Grant submissions are 9/1-10/21/23 (Those will be the grants reviewed for the 2023-2024 school year. Typical range is from \$500-1,000.
8. PTO Banking accounts - met over summer and transitioned signers on bank account to include Samantha Wald (still keeping Stephanie Harris and Melissa Wilczak).
9. Friday Folder - parent advised there was no link in the Friday message from Amy K. to the Friday Folder. Jackie reached out to secretaries after meeting to advise.

Meeting Started: 9/20/2023 at 6:44pm and adjourned 8:15pm

Submitted by: April Pike