

GPC Minutes 12/7/20 8:15 – Holiday Zoom!

(Action items highlighted in yellow)

Attendees: Marne Repetto, Andi Zampelli, Julie Arthur, Dana Kelly, Duckie Pavlov, Katie Fahey, Brynn Harbert, Elizabeth Hess, Meghan Weber, Amy Waldron, Marta Willgoose Salo, Katie Richardson

Treasury Update - Marne

Current Balance is \$709.27

Box Tops Update - Katie

Katie submitted \$10 clipped Box Tops; she'll continue watching specials for anything to highlight

Restaurant Nights Update - Alissa

Freddy's - \$32.25

Brothers - \$50

In 2021...

- January: America's Pie Wed. 1/27, open to close - includes dine-in, take out, delivery. GFS will receive 10%
- February: Alissa is working on Bar Avalon, TBD
- Market Street Grill (breakfast/lunch only, though parking is not great)
- Mae's, great takeout including boxed dinners; they might deliver to the school for car line; Alissa has not gotten a response, **Katie F. will reach out** to a connection about it
- More ideas of foods families can pick up in car line? (Dia Doce cupcakes, tacos again!)

Scrip Gift Cards - Julie

Deadline 12/8: families can create account and place order online or bring in printed form to car line/front office; Julie will pick up printed orders at school after 1pm

Other Fundraisers Happening Now - Marne

Monkey Fish Toys ended today

B & B Christmas Trees will most likely be sold out of trees by Sunday

Marne will pick up the wreaths & garlands from B&B on Wednesday because most orders were friends & family (6 wreaths & 6 garlands)

Not a lot of car line orders, possibly because lots of people decorated early. Next year we should try to move up the car line pickup by a week.

Andi mentioned hearing about "renting" a potted Christmas tree to be able to return to the farm; keep your ears open if anything similar is available for future years.

Teacher Holiday Gifts

Class reps are collecting donations, usually give gifts near the last day before break, **Marne will follow up** with class reps about timing

Coordinate with Marne if you need to get a Visa check card with no added fee, she can work through GPC's TD Bank account

Class Holiday Party

Optional: class reps can check with teacher if they're ok with it and organize Sign-Up Genius to bring pre-packaged, wrapped/boxed foods and supplies; **Marne will check** with Alice / Tr. Lauren

GPC HOLIDAY GIVE BACK

To decide ASAP, something inexpensive and simple that we can give to every child (similar to pumpkins at Halloween)

Marta has raw wood peg dolls the kids can paint or dress with wool, acorns, etc.; **Marta will look through her crafts** if there's enough for the school (raw pegs, lambswool)

Brynn's mom is getting rid of a bunch of craft materials from teaching preschool; **Brynn will let Marne know** if she has anything that can be used; Also suggested \$1 Ikea picture frames to decorate (or frames could be purchased now and used for Mother's Day?)

Dana/Andi suggested Michael's bagged crafts on sale

Andi suggested wood slice ornaments the kids can paint or stamp

Katie R. suggested packaged cookie decorating kit, i.e., individual gingerbread man

Spirit Wear - Andi

Knit hats: Andi researched, embroidery or patches were too expensive (\$10+)

Crew neck sweatshirts: Marne researched, screen printed were \$10 or 11 per sweatshirt

Love Your Melon gives a portion of purchases back to children's cancer, **Andi might know someone** who works there

Dana will reach out to Tuttle Marketing

Aiming to distribute in January

Amazon Smile & Oliver's Labels - Dana

Last month Dana coordinated with Karen to transfer "control" of Amazon Smile GFS account to goshenfriendsgpc@gmail.com, so GPC volunteers can access it. Money is deposited directly to the GFS checking account on a quarterly basis.

Oliver's Labels: **Send a January e-blast**, as a reminder that it's an option to label the kids' clothes for school (esp. re: snow gear).

Update From Mimi

Front office is preparing Annual Fund Mailer ~ 400 letters. We need to help stuff, seal, label, and stamp the envelopes.

Marta, Katie F., Julie, Dana will each prep 100 letters. Pick up 12/14, must return to front office by 12/17

Eblast updates: **Marne will forward** Mimi's guidelines for giving her eblast info to help her streamline the process

Raincoats & Boots coming home this week

She will be asking for gently-worn used shoe donations as emergency loaners during inclement weather

****IMPORTANT UPDATE****

"Thanks to the extra time we built into the calendar, we are currently on track to finish the school year on Friday, May 8. This is of course subject to change, should there be closures due to Covid-19. Assuming we do not have to close again, we are weighing whether we should simply add more "regular" weeks to the school calendar or head into camp after May 8. More to come on this in January, but if anyone has feedback feel free to share and pass back to me!"

General consensus was extra school weeks would be more beneficial, since families want the longer hours that school provides instead of camp. Offering camp might result in families looking elsewhere -- unless "camp" is still offered Mon-Fri like a school schedule. We assume whether GFS offers extra school weeks or camp after May 8, this is something families would pay for (?).

Marne will forward updated calendar from Mimi

LOOKING AHEAD

January

Restaurant Night: America's Pie Wed. 1/27

Fun Pasta towards the end of month - Kristy

February

Valentine's Day Dance ???

Alissa: Dia Doce Cupcakes scheduled for car line pickup 2/11 - 2/12. They will offer 5-6 choices + 2 gluten-free options. GFS will receive 20%

March

Read-A-Thon - Katie Fahey

Taco Kit Fundraiser again?

April

Barnes & Noble Book Fair - Marne

May

Philly Pretzels

Pizza Kits (Couch Tomato or Joe Corbi's)

(Maybe a May Day celebration if Valentine's doesn't happen?)

**** NEXT MEETING ****

Monday January 11th at 8:15pm