

Erskine PTA Meeting Minutes

November 1st, 2018 6:30 p.m.

Call to Order: Called to order by Marcy Pease, PTA President

Reading and approval of minutes from October meeting:

Motion to approve: Ben Jensen, seconded by Jessica Gurwell. All in favor

Principal's Report: (Mrs. Zimmerman)

None - absent

Counselor's Report: (Mrs. Hall)

We had our 1st personal best assembly. Focused on mindfulness and the teachers did a great job of acknowledging different types of mindfulness. There was also a yoga demonstration performed by some brave students.

Our Backpack program at Erskine currently has 37 student participants that receive a food bag every Friday so they can have healthy snacks for the weekend. Erskine partners with St. Stephen's Lutheran Church to make this Backpack Program possible. THANK YOU to the parishioners at St. Stephen's for all you do to make our program a success.

Here is the link for people to use if they want to adopt a family for the holidays. Erskine families in need were referred to this program and other families that want to adopt can request to be matched with an Erskine family if they wish to be.

<http://www.hacap.org/how-to-help/adoptfamily/>

This is a link outlining the various food/nutrition programs through HACAP

<http://www.hacap.org/what-we-do/food-nutrition/programs/>

Heather Mescher and Kristy Decker will be coordinating a food drive at Erskine in the 2018-19 school year (details to come).

Treasurer's Report: (Karl Hoffman)

*Budget

Other Fundraisers: (Dena Aretz-Burian)

*Box Tops – September winner was Mrs. Lynott's class and October winner was Mrs. Lynn's class

*Hy-Vee Receipts – September winner was Mrs. Cervantes class and October winner was Mrs. Dorman's class

Make sure you save and donate ALL receipts from Cedar Rapids/Marion Hy-vee stores! Our school was 4th in most funds received from total receipts last year!

Membership Update: (Angel West)

*Membership forms on the Erskine website and at PTA meetings.

*You may also see a PTA board member or email us @: ErskinePTA@rocketmail.com

School Apparel: (Jessica Gurwell)

*Orders were due last Friday and will be ready Mid-November. We had over \$1600 in total sales! A portion of the clothing cost comes back to Erskine PTA - Thank you for your purchase!

Student Directory Update: (Angel West):

*Student Data has just been received. Winners from the contest were Ava Pasker, Lucas Millsap and Grace Leland.

Book Fair Update: (Dena Aretz-Burian)

This is a fundraiser for the library. We take the proceeds earned from sales in Scholastic dollars. This year we earned \$2486 to spend with Scholastic and we qualified for BOGO free sale in the spring.

Pumpkin Contest Update: (John & Tammy Millsap)

*75 entries this year – which is a new record.

*Stephenie Suggs will be the committee chair starting next year.

Winners received a \$5 gift certificate for the school store and will have an opportunity to for a special shopping time to spend their money. Congrats to all the winners!

Funniest: Gemma Brennan

Most Iowa: Leah Mann

Most Patriotic: Isaac Anderson
Most Technological: Reid & James Barko
Most Colorful: Maddox Tuetken
Most School Spirit: Grady Suggs

Storybook Character: Calvin Hanna
Most International: Kori Petties
Most Natural/Recycled: Lucas Millsap
Student Choice: McKenna Long

Family Night at Super Skate: (Marcy Pease and Diana Ledford)

A recent incident involving intolerance and/or discrimination at SuperSkate was brought to the PTA's attention. SuperSkate was contacted for more information, but has yet to reply back to us. In following our district's anti-bullying policy, the PTA will not sponsor or endorse a family night at SuperSkate at this time. Please feel free to go skating if your family still wishes to do so.

Erskine Extravaganza (Christine Shaw):

*Saturday, December 1st, 2018 from 9:00-2:00p.m.

*21 paid vendors so far with a few others in the works. We will be fine for numbers and a good mix of vendors.

*We'll need lots of volunteers – look for a signup genius to be coming soon.

*Vendors & Crafts, Bake Sale, Auction, Lunch, Santa, Activities for the kids, and More!

Proceeds from gift baskets for silent auction goes to the 5th grade to help fund their graduation party, Camp Wapsie trip and legacy gift.

New Business:

*Angel West and Jessica Gurwell will head up a committee for Morning Yoga – a date will be scheduled and more information will follow.

*Window Clings will be ordered and available for purchase soon!

Additional tile painting signup dates have been added and sent to donors.

Volunteer Hours:

*Thank you to everyone who volunteered time or donated items for America Reads, Staff Dinner or Book Fair!

*Reminder – please log volunteer hours on [blue sheet](#) in main office.

Upcoming Events:

Erskine Extravaganza (12/1)

PTA meeting (12/6)

Family Winter Party (1/25)

Adjournment:

Next meeting on Thursday, December 6th at 6:30 p.m. Childcare will be provided