

Friends of Cutler Meeting Minutes – January 24, 2018

Attendees: Jennifer Clifford, 14 parents

December – January Events Recap – Kristen Degnan

- December Principal Coffee
- Hospitality hosted teacher/staff cookie swap, munch & mingle, and lounge replenishment

Treasurer's Report/Budget – Kelly Cunningham and Aubrey Tosh

- Updated budget handed out. The ski sale net approx. \$19,000.

Bylaws – Val McCormack

- The old bylaws were created in 2004. New bylaws were presented to the group and approved.
- Bylaws are needed for our tax exempt status. They were modeled after bylaws on "PTO today".

Scholastic Book Fair & Family Game Night

- The coin-a-day challenge raised \$1,111.28. Kindergarten won the challenge.
- The book fair is January 30 – February 2. All classes will go on Monday and Tuesday. The fair will also be open Wednesday-Friday before and after school and during game night.
- Family game night is February 2. Martha Hale Farrell is coordinating. There will be board games in the cafeteria, STEM active challenges in the gym, Cutler trivia in the library. It is one drop in session 4:30-7. \$5/family. Donations welcome for the animal shelter.
- Spirit day is February 2. Super Bowl Spirit (any sportswear encouraged).

Cultural Enrichment – Nicole Ireland

- MLK Mobile Ed Assembly was in January. An actor/historian came.
- Kristine Lilly Assembly will be in March. She is a professional soccer player.
- An author study and project adventure will come later in the year.
- The leadership theme will continue for next year. Planning has already begun.

Adult Social – Kristen Degnan

- Cutler Corn Hole Tournament at Hastings House in Beverly Farms. Friday, April 27.
- Cutting back on fundraising efforts and cost (you will only pay to play). Cash bar.
- Teacher experiences and great gatherings will be offered.

Free Monday – Amy Howell

- There will be a boxtops winter incentive in February.

Speaker: Lexie Riordan from Hamilton Wenham Friends of the Arts

- This group promotes the arts in the district. They help with financial needs and can offset the cost of chorus and instrument costs. They bought drums for the high school band. Funding comes from take-a-seat program and Melody Miles.
- More information can be found on FaceBook and hwfota.org

*** Next meeting on Wednesday, March 14 at 9:15am.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Stephanie Stein, Secretary.