

**FRIENDS OF A.L. HORTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING
Minutes – May 29, 2023 (following School Council Meeting)**

Hybrid – In person and online via Google Meet:

<https://meet.google.com/aut-xrmn-bzd>

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Attendance: Denise Gara (Chair), Ken Allan (Secretary), Keri Busenius (school principal), Chole Giebelhaus (school vice-principal), Trina Horon, Bonnie Dribnenki, Nancy Keel, Kelly Daurie

- 1.0 Call to Order – Meeting called to order at 6:52 PM
- 2.0 Review of Agenda
- 3.0 * Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting – February 27, 2023, March 20, 2023 – Kelly moved to approve the minutes, Hannah seconded. CARRIED.
- 4.0 Treasurer’s Report – Trina moved to approve the Treasurer’s report, Bonnie seconded. CARRIED.
 - 4.1 Financial: Current account balances (Mar 31/23): General - \$20,107.29; Casino - \$19,990.05, and Fundraising (School) - \$19,495.10;
 - 4.2 Western Financial Group Infrastructure Grant of \$5,000 received – deposited into school fundraising account
 - 4.3 Legion fundraising
 - 4.3.1 Steak Fry – Mar 31, 2022 – assigned to grades 4-6 – Scott H., Ken A., Mandy R., Denise G.
 - 4.3.2 Breakfast – May 14, 2022 – assigned to grades 1-3 – no volunteers from classes; Val L., Layne L., Roxy W.(1st half), Chailyn G. (2nd half), Denise G & [James L., Bryce L., as door attendants, beef ticket sellers & flower handouts]. – This one was super busy.
 - 4.4 No further activity.
- 5.0 Standing Business / New Business 20 MIN
 - 5.1 NO CHANGES - Playground updates – Keri Busenius (previous notes – Jan 23, 2023) – Playgrounds have been reevaluated – metal is weathering well on swings, but big metal structures will now last until 2024. Results of the Coop grant are to be announced in June.
 - 5.2 Fundraising ongoing and upcoming
 - 5.2.1 Canteen for Track and Field – date – June 8/23 – Kelly D. oversight – Kelly has 5 volunteers to assist with this canteen. Looking to sell high-margin items such as ice cream. A shade canopy is still needed to help keep the food cooler during the day. Ken said he would check with soccer.
 - 5.2.2 Race to summer (Ag Grounds – Vegreville) – June 2-3-4, 2023. The organizer of the bouncy castles is looking for volunteers, in exchange for a donation to the Society (donation = \$15/hour worked).
 - 5.2.2.1 Any availability would be greatly appreciated, I said I would communicate, but not sure if we’d be able to throw together volunteers that quick,
 - 5.2.2.1.1 June 2 – from 3 pm to 9 pm
 - 5.2.2.1.2 June 3 – from 11 am to 8 pm
 - 5.2.2.1.3 June 4 – from 11 am to 8 pm
 - 5.2.3 Discussion of fundraisers for 2023-24 – and possible assignment of oversight leaders – Keri volunteered to send out a paper handout for volunteers to gauge interest that Denise would draft.
 - 5.2.3.1 Online silent auction, (Nov/Dec)
 - 5.2.3.2 Little Caesar’s Pizza – fall fundraiser, (Sept/Oct) – Nancy to oversee
 - 5.2.3.3 Bear Tracks – fall fundraiser, (Nov/Dec)
 - 5.2.3.4 Legion volunteer workers oversight – through the year
 - 5.2.3.5 Track and Field Canteen (June)
 - 5.2.3.6 Other fundraiser ideas to consider – growing smiles fundraiser (flowers), Spring dance event, The Purdy’s Chocolate at Christmas or Easter, Hot Dog sale at Coop, 50/50 raffle, West Coast Seeds garden seeds, other short fundraisers as available/able.
 - 5.3 Volunteer opportunities, board member attraction, connection, retention – more parents are needed to assist with fundraising.



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- 6.0 Next Meeting of the Friends of AL Horton Elementary School Society: Next meeting FALL – September 25, 2023 (following parent council).
- 7.0 Adjournment at 7:20 PM ENJOY YOUR SUMMER BREAK!

Action Items:

- 1) **Secretary:** Provide summary of meeting to all members and interested parties
- 2) **Ken:** Contact Vegreville Soccer re shade canopy for canteen
- 3) **Denise:** draft volunteer handout
- 4) **Keri:** send out volunteer handout

