

## SS PALMER PTO MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 15, 2010

- Meeting called to order by PTO president Mary Jo King at 7:00pm
- Minutes from October's meeting were attached to the agenda to be read. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Anne Cronk and Phyllis Kreiss.
- Treasurer's report is attached to the agenda for your review. Please note that some fieldtrips were in the expense report. Motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Missi Kolnik and seconded by Michele O'Neill.

### OLD BUSINESS

- **Christmas Gifts:** update given by Chris Leshner for Lisa Leshner. The committee picked the gift for the children this year [REDACTED] The cost came in at just under \$15. Monday, Dec 20<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 and Tues, Dec 21<sup>st</sup> will be wrapping. Santa comes to school on Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> (the last full day of school) to deliver the gifts!!
- **Halloween Activities:** update given by Mary Jo for Tiff Christman. Everything went very smoothly and thanks so much to all the parents who volunteered!! Thanks also to Anne Cronk for doing the class photos again this year! Thanks to Mrs. Brumbach for judging the costume winners!
- **Dance:** update given by Chris Leshner for Vicki Haupt. The first dance went very well. Since it was the first dance of the year, with lots of new parents picking children up, a lot of parents were impatient with waiting to pick up their children. There will be a meeting with Mary Jo, Vicki, and Mrs Brumbach to refine the pick-up procedure for future dances. The next dance is Dec 17<sup>th</sup> and we will need donations of snacks, drinks and volunteer help.
- **Fall Fundraiser:** update given by Mary Jo for Jess Nissen. Just a reminder that pickup of fall fundraiser items is on this coming Monday and Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> from 12-8. Set-up will take place this Friday at 3:30. If you would like to help with pickup or set-up, please contact Jess.
- **Market Day:** update given by Pam Andrews. Thanks to all who helped with the October pickup. The sale was a success with the pie special (\$1.50 of every pie purchased went toward the cost of your child's yearbook). The next pickup is Sat, Dec 11<sup>th</sup> at the Jr High from 9-11. Help will be needed during that time. Please see the flyer for the cookie dough special and the various promotions.
- **PTO Website:** Update given by Anne Cronk. The website is up and running. It shouldn't be interrupted as it moves to the new server. There is a link on the website for PTO members to join our new PTO Yahoo Group. This will allow the PTO to send weekly emails to everyone in the group and also answer questions and chat. Please sign up with your name and email address. [www.sspalmerparksiddepto.org](http://www.sspalmerparksiddepto.org)

### NEW BUSINESS

- **Book Fair SS Palmer:** update given by Mary Jo for Kay Goodhile. We are waiting to hear back from Kay to see if there is going to be a BOGO sale run at the high school in December in conjunction with the craft fair. Please look for a flyer to go home with that information.
- **Santa's Workshop:** Parkside update given by Nicki Frank. Shopping will be on Dec 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Nicki has the schedule of when each class will be shopping. Please see her if you would like to volunteer to help. LOTS of volunteer help is needed to assist the young children with shopping. Help is also needed prior to the workshop to make envelopes out of wrapping paper. This can be done at home. Please see Nicki if you're interested. Set-up will be Friday, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00. Also, donations of wrapping paper, tape, self adhesive labels, and goodies for volunteers are needed. SS Palmer update given by Anne Howard. Shopping will take place in room 210 this year instead of the library Dec 6-Dec 10<sup>th</sup>. Teachers are still signing up for time

slots to shop. Anne will be calling/emailing volunteers to schedule workers. Please look for flyers/reminders to go home in the Wednesday express every week until shopping.

- **Childcare:** update given by Mary Jo for Rose Henning. If you would like to help Rose and the NJHS students with childcare during meetings, please see Rose. PTO would like to provide a childcare service to all PTO paid members on a day in December from 9-4 to allow parents to go Christmas shopping. Please look for a flyer to go home with a lot more detail soon.
- **School Board:** update given by Mary Jo. The next meeting is tomorrow night, Tuesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Parkside bldg. The agenda is on the district website [www.palmerton.org](http://www.palmerton.org) on the administration tab.
- **Principal's Report:** update given by Mrs. Brumbach. There was confusion regarding allowing parents to help their children with costumes for the Halloween parade. This will all be clear for next year and apologies go out for any misunderstandings. Thanks to all PTO members who helped with the parade and all other activities. The Thanksgiving lunch went very smoothly, over 250 parents were served. Please note that next week, Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> are ½ days and students will be dismissed at 11:45. Also, Parent/Teacher conferences will be held. There are lots of activities leading up to the holidays. The monthly newsletter will continue to be distributed on the 1<sup>st</sup> of every month. If you do not receive a paper copy of the newsletter it is posted on the district website to view. Please feel free to call with any questions or concerns.
- **Presidents Report:** update given by Mary Jo. Thanks to everyone who donated for the Thanksgiving meals!!! There will be meals donated to needy Palmer and Parkside families for Thanksgiving. Items will still be accepted until the end of the week. Please take time to check out the completed play area at the coal boal. The children have a much larger area to play on now. Equipment will be purchased slowly. Mary Jo will be meeting with Carol Boyce to find out all the clearances and other red tape that needs to be done to purchase and install playground equipment. Thanks to everyone for all the PTO help with all activities!!!

## NOTES & QUESTIONS

- Pam Andrews noted that a Talent Show will be held November 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. PTO and the Hospitality committee needs donations of lots of goodies and drinks for this event.
- **PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS NO DECEMBER MEETING.**

Door Prizes were handed out.  
Meeting was adjourned.

**NEXT PTO MEETING IS JANUARY 24, 2011**