

## SS PALMER PTO MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 18, 2010

- Meeting called to order by PTO president Mary Jo King at 7:00pm
- Minutes from September's meeting were attached to the agenda to be read. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Phyllis Kreiss and Missy Kolnik.
- Membership update: given by Julie Stroup. Memberships are still flowing in. Right now, we have received \$385 in memberships.
- Treasurer's report is attached to the agenda for your review. Please note that there is a new account, the Playground Fund, which contains money to develop the coal bowl. All of the fall fundraiser money is reflected on the income report. Motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Jess Nissen and seconded by Marge Beahm.

### OLD BUSINESS

- **Committee Chair packets:** Nicki has some packets to distribute yet. All empty committee chair positions have been filled.
- **Halloween Activities:** update given by Tiff Christman. The parade will be held on Friday October 29<sup>th</sup>. Flyers with all the information regarding that day, including parade times, will go home in the Wednesday express. Please note that Parkside and Palmer have 2 different parade routes. In addition, kindergarten students will go back to the cafeteria after their parade to enjoy their snack and juice. 1<sup>st</sup> grade will join the SSPalmer students in the park after the parade. Group pictures will be taken of every class. SS Palmer students will have a costume contest...the 3 top costumes in the school will get a prize. Parkside students will be able to play guessing games. This year's snacks for the students include pretzel bits, candy and a Capri sun drink. Each grade will go to their designated area of the park and servers will help distribute everything to students. Help will be needed to get the snacks ready for the students. The committee will be meeting at the Palmerton Hotel on Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. Also, help is needed the day of the parade to serve as class servers. Help will be needed at the end of the day to cleanup. Please contact Tiff with any questions.
- **Fall Fundraiser:** update given by Jess Nissen. Everything is mailed into the company. Thanks so much to everyone who helped sort and go through all the fundraisers. The top sellers this year were Gabriel Henry (\$100 gift card), Amber Sterner (\$50 gift card), and Skyler Graver (\$25 gift card). The fundraiser company this year donated a scooter. Any student that sold \$25 in product was entered to win it. This year's winner was Edward Englemoyer in Miss Borgers class...Congratulations! His name was picked in front of everyone at the meeting. Fundraiser pick-up dates are Mon & Tues, 11/22 and 11/23. The order will arrive on Friday 11/19 around 3:30. If you can help on any of those dates, please let Jess know and/or sign up. Jess will also need donations of goodies for those who will be working at the pickup all day.
- **Kidz Stuff:** update given by Jen Tobia. Over 600 books were given out to students. So far, about 270 books were sold. Only 20 remain out yet that need to be returned.
- **Halloween parade:** update given by Jennifer Platts. All went well! 26 children and 8-9 adults participated in the parade. The theme was "It's a Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown." Pictures will be going on the PTO website. The PTO float received Honorable Mention for a Small Float.
- **Clothing Swap/Costume Swap:** The costumes were all taken very quickly. The regular clothing swap will be held on Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. Set-up will begin in the cafeteria as soon as the last lunch leaves. Bins will be placed outside Monday-Thursday of that week to collect clothing.
- **Parkside Book Fair:** update given by Nicki Frank. \$2,648 in sales were recorded. The One 4 Books generated \$353.76 which was used to purchase books for the library. A total of \$662.03 was generated for PTO. There was a heros theme this time and several came in to speak to the students. The winner of the Penny wars was Mrs. Negley's PM K class. Mrs.

Strohl's class brought in the most amount of pennies. Another book fair will be held in February.

- **Book Fair SS Palmer:** update given by Mary Jo for Kay Goodhile. This fair is going on this whole week at Palmer. Students shop for books during their designated library times. Family nights this year are Tuesday and Wednesday until 7 pm.

## NEW BUSINESS

- **New PTO website:** PTO now has our very own website. [www.sspalmerparksiddepto.org](http://www.sspalmerparksiddepto.org) It was developed by Becky Christman. She would like to train a PTO member to take care of the website maintenance. We will now be able to post any and all PTO information, information about meetings, deadlines, PTO meeting minutes, etc. Thanks to Anne Cronk who volunteered to do this!!!
- **Market Day:** update given by Pam Andrews. New flyers will be going home in the Wednesday express. There is a special Pie Sale going on during November. For every pie you purchase, \$1.50 will go towards your yearbook purchase. Online orders are due by November 8<sup>th</sup>. Pickup is Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at the high school. Volunteers will be needed from 9-11 to sort and hand out items.
- **Santa's Workshop:** SS Palmer students will shop 12/6 through 12/10. Parkside students will shop 12/6 and 12/7 with a snow date of 12/8. Set up for both will be on the Friday prior, 12/3. Look for more details to follow as the time draws closer.
- **Christmas Gifts:** update given by Lisa Leshner. A meeting will be held Tuesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. An email reminder will go out to the committee. Committee members should start thinking of potential gift ideas. A motion was made by Samantha Green and seconded by Charles Gildner, that the committee may spend up to \$15/student this year. If you have any ideas, please bring them to the meeting.
- **Dance:** update given by Vicki Haupt. All the dances for the year have been approved. The Halloween Dance is on Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup> 3:00-5:30 in the gym. Dances are for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders only. Papers will be going home for donations of drinks, snacks, chaperone help. Students will be able to wear their costumes to the dance (since the parade is the same day). The price of admission is \$1 and snacks/drinks are \$.25 each. The committee was able to obtain the same DJ used for the Farewell Dance last year (that everyone was happy with). His name is Brian Stevens (B Flat). His cost, for all 4 dances, is \$675. PTO will provide a deposit of \$168.75 and pay the remainder at each dance.
- **New PTO website:** PTO now has our very own website. [www.sspalmerparksiddepto.org](http://www.sspalmerparksiddepto.org) Update provided by Anne Cronk. Right now, the website is hosted by a free site. Therefore, we can't control the advertising, popups, risk at viruses, etc. Anne recommends hosting our site through Godaddy.com. This will be much safer. If PTO prepays for 3 years, the cost is only \$2.99 per month. To help reimburse our fee for this, the committee will try to get local businesses to advertise on our site (Anne will place a rotating banner ad on the page). A motion was made by Charles Gildner for PTO to prepay the \$107.64 for 3 years and it was seconded by Jess Nissen. All approved, no one opposed, motion passed.
- **School Board:** update given by Mary Jo. The next meeting will be held on October 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Parkside bldg. To view meeting agendas, please visit the school district's website, under administration. Please note that there will be a 1<sup>st</sup> reading of a proposed dress/grooming code. If you are interested in speaking at a school board meeting, please sign in before entering the meeting that you would like to speak (you can always pass if you change your mind). If any PTO member would like to go to the meeting and report back to PTO next month, you will earn a PTO point.
- **Presidents Report:** update given by Mary Jo. At our next PTO meeting on November 15<sup>th</sup>, we would like to give back to families of SSPalmer and Parkside. There will be containers

placed at the entrance to the meeting if you could please donate a food item. The goal is to donate a Thanksgiving meal to a family in need from SS Palmer and from Parkside. There will be a sign in sheet to make sure you get credit for your donation. A reminder will go home before the meeting.

- **Principals Report:** please email or call Mrs. Brumbach with any questions or concerns.

#### **NOTES & QUESTIONS**

- Pam Andrews noted that a Talent Show will be held in November again this year. PTO and the Hospitality committee will be asking for donations of lots of goodies and drinks for this event.

Door Prizes were handed out.

Meeting was adjourned.

**NEXT PTO MEETING IS NOVEMBER 15, 2010**