

## PTO MEETING MINUTES NOV 14, 2011

- **Meeting called to order by PTO President Mary Jo King at 7pm.**
- **Minutes** from October's meeting are attached to agendas to be read. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Anne Cronk seconded by Rose Henning.
- **Treasurer's Report-** Chris Leshner- behind the minutes-expense, income and ending reports. Checkbook ending balance appears high since we haven't paid for fall fundraiser yet. Motion to accept the report made by Jen Shinsky and seconded by Larissa Kimmel

### OLD BUSINESS.

- **Christmas Gifts**-update by Lisa Leshner- had a meeting Christmas gift has been chosen. Cost of the gift is \$9.75/student. The gift is a black long sleeve bomber t-shirt for every student. Motion was made by Rose Henning and seconded by Missi Kolnik. Order forms will go home with students to be returned with their sizes. Form will be available on the pto website as well. Christmas wrapping is December 19<sup>th</sup> in the SS Palmer cafeteria at 6:30. Santa delivers on December 21<sup>st</sup>.
- **Fall Festivities**- update by Mary Jo-the day of festivities went really well. Thursday night's preparation of the treat bags took a small eternity. The parade day and flow all went well. Some teachers kept children outside or went back inside for parties in classrooms. Teachers liked the bags since treats were all in one bag.
- **Fall Fundraiser**-update given by Nicki Frank- Fall fundraiser does pay for Christmas gifts for the students. Pickup is November 22, Tuesday, from 12 noon until 8pm. Help will be needed for unloading truck at 11am and organizing all the products. The children that sold over \$200 in products are entered into a drawing to win a big box of items for their rooms. Drawing is here, tonight, Dylan Bartholomew in 3G!! Did over \$14,000 in sales. Sales were down from last year a bit. Dalton Rumfield \$150 gift card, Syler Graver \$75 gift card, Kylie Messinger \$25 gift card.
- **SS Palmer Book Fair**-update by Linsey German-book fair went really well. Family night on Thursday was busy, lots of people came. Cash profit \$1364. Penny wars in SS Palmer was \$527. Boys won the penny wars. Next book fair is in February 2012 (the week of the 21<sup>st</sup>).
- **Dance**-update by Julie Stroup. The Halloween Dance will be held on Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 3-5pm. DJ was great, children loved him. Thanks so much to everyone that helped decorate, chaperone, and clean-up. Also, thanks so much for all the food/drink donations. Please look for an email asking for help for the upcoming Christmas dance on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> from 3-5pm.
- **Market Day**-update by Pam Andrews. Sale day is this Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. The truck arrives at 6pm. Help will be needed to unload and organize items and also during pickup from 7-8pm. Market day sales help to fund the cost of the yearbook for 6<sup>th</sup> graders each year. Also, keep forwarding pictures taken on field trips and other school activities to Pam for the yearbook.
- **Health Fair**-update by Larissa Kimmel-profit of \$200 this year from basket raffle and bake sale. The fair went well this year. There were lots of adults and children coming through. All kinds of safety demonstrations went well. All the children got a free bike helmet and IDs and fingerprinting as well. There were also health screenings for adults and blood donations as well.

## NEW BUSINESS

- **Santa's Workshop**-Anne Howard/Lindsey German-Dates are the week of December 5<sup>th</sup>. Children shop the 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, cleanup is December 9<sup>th</sup>. Parkside's dates are the same as SS Palmer (6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>). An email will go home asking for volunteer help to assist with wrapping, helping students shop, etc. An opportunity for points is to make envelopes out of wrapping paper to make wrapping gifts easier on shopping days. This can be done at home prior to when the workshop begins. Donations of wrapping paper, tape, labels are greatly accepted. Should we mark items up by \$.25 each this year to handle the cost of wrapping paper, tape, etc? If we all donate wrapping paper, etc, cost of products will stay as low as possible for the students (PTO does this not-for-profit anyway). Motion made by Anne Cronk to not charge additional money, seconded by Rose Henning.
- **School Board**-Mary Jo-held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of Parkside. The board has been discussing changing several policies such as Use of Facilities (they were looking to charge fees to organizations to have activities at the school). Organizations such as PTO and sports programs would incur a LOT in fees if this would have occurred. So, Mary Jo and Chris prepared presentations that organizations paid for items so that the district didn't have to pay over the past 3 years. Now the district has a weekend janitor so we don't have to pay a fee (unless the activity runs long then organizations get charged overtime). Please see attached sheet...PTO has saved Palmerton Area School District just under \$56,000 over the past 3 years (not including field trips, gifts for students, scholarships, etc that PTO has paid for). The school board decided to not charge organizations these facility fees!!
- **President's Report**- Thanks so much for all the donations of food items. Items will be accepted this week as well. Bags of food will be prepared and ready to hand out next week. Talent Show is this Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Hospitality committee has provided food/drinks. So we will need food items donated (PTO points will be awarded).
- **Principal's Report**-Mrs. Brumbach-Halloween festivities went really well. Everything went so smoothly! Thanks for the donations of books to both libraries with the book fairs. Thanks so much also to Beautification for the decorations outside the school. Drop off has been going more smoothly, much better at SS Palmer. Thank you! Thanksgiving meals with parents/grandparents all went well that day. Track and Field day in the spring, we may use the track but Mr. Heller doesn't want to use the track due to all the construction with the bleachers, etc. Instead, Track and Field day will be held at the park this year. Health Fair all went well...thanks to everyone that helped. Look for a sign up sheet with Giant A+ for kids program (while you buy your groceries, money goes back to the school). You can sign up your bonus card as well as your family, friends, etc. What a great way to earn money for the school!!! Conferences are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday of next week as well as early dismissals those days.
- **Comments/Questions**-
- **Door Prize Drawings**
- **Meeting was adjourned.**

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD MONDAY, JANUARY 9<sup>TH</sup> AT 7PM IN SS PALMER CAFETERIA.**