

## SS PALMER PTO MINUTES FROM MAY 14, 2012

- Meeting called to order by PTO president Mary Jo King at 7:00pm
- Minutes from April's meeting were attached to the agenda to be read. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Jen Shinsky and seconded by Michele O'Neill.
- Treasurer's report is attached to the agenda for your review. Motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Anne Howard and Carla Teichert. Per review of our ending checkbook balance, Chris recommended that we keep the CD in the bank to continue earning interest or perhaps check for options where we can place the money to earn more interest. If we need it before January, we can cash it in we would just lose a small amount of interest. A motion was made by Anne Cronk and seconded by Jen Shinsky to allow Chris to investigate finding a higher interest option to put the money in, such as a money market account, and to move the money if an option is found.

## OLD BUSINESS

- **Election of Officers:** update given by Anne Cronk. All the nomination sheets went home with students weeks ago. Only 25 ballots were returned all suggesting no change in any of the current officers. Ballots were handed out to vote. Results of officers are: Mary Jo, President; Nicki Frank, Vice-President; Brigitte White, Secretary; Christine Leshner, Treasurer shadowed by Lisa Leshner.
- **Mother's Day Plant Sale:** update given by Lisa Leshner. The sale went well at both Parkside and SS palmer. We didn't run out of flowers this year. The rest of the flowers were donated to beautification. A big thank you to everyone that helped with unloading plants, wrapping plants with foil and on the sale days.
- **Market Day:** update given by Mary Jo for Pam Andrews. Thanks to everyone that helped at the last pickup. The last market day pickup is on Thursday May 24<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 in the SS Palmer Cafeteria. This is the LAST SALE until September. Please forward field trip pictures, etc to Pam as soon as you can.
- **Play Day/Track & Field Day:** update given by Chris Leshner. All the play days went really well. A case of water is left from all the play days/track & field days. The rest will go to 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade picnic.
- **School Board:** update given by Mary Jo. The agenda for all school board meetings is posted on the district website. There will be lots of budget discussion at the meeting tomorrow night. You are always very welcome to attend the meetings. If you care to speak about an agenda item, you must note that when you sign in to the meeting.
- **Teacher Appreciation Luncheon:** update given by Mary Jo for her and Jen Sterner (who handled the lunch at Parkside). The luncheons at both schools were very successful and the teachers loved all the food (they ate well that whole week). Thanks to everyone who donated items, sent in monetary donations and came to help that day.

## NEW BUSINESS

- **Committee Chair Update:** update given by Nicki Frank. Please see the PTO website for available committee positions and the application to become a chairperson. Keep checking during the summer also as positions may open up.
- **Spring Farewell Dance:** update given by Julie Stroup. The dance will be held on May 18<sup>th</sup> from 6-8:30pm. This dance is free of cost to the students. They do not pay admission or for food or drinks. Lots of donations of food and drinks will be needed for this night and appreciated. Also, donations of white lights and white tool are requested for decorating for this dance. Set-up will be at approximately 4pm on Friday. Volunteer help will be needed for set-up, chaperoning, and clean up.
- **Festival Committee:** update given by Michele O'Neill. The festival will be Sept 7-9<sup>th</sup>. PTO will be doing crepes again this year. Also, our stand will be open for breakfast and will need extra help during that time. If you know of new parents to our PTO for next year, please invite them to help with the festival since the festival is so soon after the start of the school year. The committee is still

looking for donations of crock pots, serving spoons, mixing spoons, spatulas, cutting boards, sharp knives, gift certificates to Country Harvest to purchase eggs, cream, berries, apples, peaches; dry and wet measuring spoons and cups to start establishing a festival kitchen. PTO points will be given for donations. A meeting will be held Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm at her house. Michele will be emailing/calling people this summer for various meetings.

- **President's Report:** update given by Mary Jo. PTO has received another box tops check for \$982!! This year we have earned over \$2,800 from box tops this year....more than EVER!!! Monthly reward parties are still being held for classrooms with the most box top donations. She just wanted to say thanks to everyone for all of the volunteer help, donations, etc throughout the school year. The children, staff and PTO officers appreciated all of it!! Hope to see you all volunteering next year too!!
- **Principal's Report:** update given by Mrs. Brumbach. She is seconding Mary Jo's comments regarding thanks to everyone for all their volunteer help throughout the school year! It does not go unnoticed. The children and staff truly appreciate it! Sorry that there was no newsletter for May...hopefully one will be out before the end of school. Friday June 1<sup>st</sup> is a ½ day and Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup> is the last day and it is also a ½ day.

#### **QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:**

- **Parkside Bookfair Oct 1-5<sup>th</sup>, SS Palmer is the Oct 15-18<sup>th</sup>** update given by Nicki Frank. Dates available in case anyone needs to take off of work. The children voted that they want Mrs. Brumbach should get pies in the face (she will also be in the dunk tank) which will happen at the SOAR carnival. The SOAR carnival is Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> with the raindate of May 30<sup>th</sup>. Help will be needed at the carnival. Parkside's spring concert is this Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.
- **VFW invited PTO to walk in the Veteran's Day Parade this year at 10am. More information to follow.**

Door Prizes were handed out.  
Meeting was adjourned.

**SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!!! HAVE A SAFE SUMMER!!!**