

PTO MEETING MINUTES APR 16, 2012

- **Meeting called to order by PTO President Mary Jo King at 7pm.**
- **Guest Speaker-Mr Pallazo**-SOAR Carnival-did it last year as a way for students to use up their tickets. Would like to do the carnival again this year complete with a dunk tank, small games, etc. All students would be invited to attend. Country Junction has a dunk tank to rent to use along with cotton candy, sno cone machine, popcorn machine for a cost of \$125. He is asking PTO to cover that cost. The date for the carnival is May 29th with a raindate of May 30th. Volunteers will be needed to help with the games, making popcorn, sno cones, cotton candy. Lisa Kistler made a motion to pay the \$125 fee to rent the machines for the carnival. Motion was seconded by Jen Shinsky. PTO sign-up sheets will be provided for that day. A list of items needed for donation will be put on the PTO website.
- **Minutes** from March's meeting are behind the agenda for your review. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Jen Shinsky and seconded by Michele O'Neill.
- **Treasurer's Report**- Chris Leshner- behind the minutes-expense, income and ending reports. A motion to accept the report was made by Jen Shinsky and seconded by Carla Teichert.

OLD BUSINESS.

- **Farewell Dance**- update by Julie Stroup. The Farewell Dance is Friday, May 18th from 6-8:30. All children must be picked up from this dance since it's a night dance (no walkers allowed). LOTS of donations of goodies and drinks will be needed since this dance is FREE for the students...free to get in and free to eat and drink. Look for an email soon looking for ideas for a theme for the dance. Also, the chairperson position will be open for this committee next year. If you're interested in taking over this committee, please come and help at this last dance.
- **Market Day**-update by Mary Jo-thanks to members who helped with the March pickup. Volunteers will be needed for pickup on April 26th at 6-8. Deadline for orders is this Friday, April 20th. Lots of fieldtrips will be coming up so this is just a reminder for parents to take lots of pictures and send them to Pam Andrews via a CD.
- **Clothing Swap** -update by Brigitte White-Time is 3-5:30 on Thursday April, 26th. Setup will begin at 2pm that day in the cafeteria at SSPalmer.
- **Spring Fundraiser/pizza party**-update by Tina Reph-pizza party went well. Kids loved it!
- **School Board**-next meeting is tomorrow, April 17th. School board agenda is up on the district website
- **Mothers Day Plant Sale**-update by Lisa Leshner, will be May 9th and May 10th. A motion needs to be made to purchase the flowers for \$1.25/flower, will look for donation of foil. This year we will not be able to give back what we don't sell. We will order 1700 plants (we charge students \$1.50). A motion was made by Michele O'Neill to purchase 1700 plants at \$1.25 per plant and it was seconded by Jen Shinsky. A suggestion was made to let teachers know if they're extra plants available for teachers to purchase.
- **Nomination**- will be coming out in the Wednesday express soon. This will be a sheet listing the current officers for each position and a blank line next to each position so you can nominate someone for any position. The election will be at the last meeting on May 14th.

- **Teacher Appreciation Luncheon**-update by Mary Jo-will be Tuesday May 8th in both buildings. A letter will be going out asking for donations of various items needed for that day. Lots of donations will be needed and volunteer help for that day as well.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Committee Chairperson Update**- update by Nicki Frank-Kathleen Leister needs a backup for box tops (totals are doing well, another check was just sent for \$982); Hospitality committee needs a co-chair; Beautification committee needs a chairperson; Childcare needs a chairperson. Positions will be listed on the website. There is a form to fill out on the website if you're interested in any of the positions.
- **Festival Committee**-update by Michele O'Neill-look for an email soon about a meeting to get things going. A list will be made up of things we will need for the festival in Sept. Mary Jo spoke with Palmerton Garage Door, will work with us on the price to store our trailer with the stand (needs dimensions of the stand).
- **Track & Field Day/Play Day**-update by Chris Leshner-Friday May 11th (raindate is Friday, May 18th) for Track & Field Day (4th, 5th & 6th grades), last year asked for donations of water bottles, did 2 huge jugs with water and 1 with Gatorade. Not sure how Track & Field day is going to work this year since it is in the park instead of at the high school. Same thing will work for Play Day (K & 1st grade Mon May 7th, raindate Tues, May 8th; 2nd & 3rd grade is Wed May 9th, raindate May 10th). All water bottles will be donated. We will have a meeting on April 30th to label bottles with student names and distribute to parents into coolers to chill.
- **Principal's Report**- update by Mary Brumbach- update by Mary Jo since Mary is at the 6th Sense Championship. Palmerton's 6th grade Sixth Sense team just won 1st place!!
- **President's Report**-Thanks to everyone for all the volunteer help and donations by PTO members.
- **Comments/Questions**- on Thursday, May 3rd at 7pm in the high school auditorium there will be a concussion seminar for anyone in the district to attend. Baseline testing on students is free and begins when they get their physicals done (so they have something to go off of when examined after an injury). The doctors at the seminar will go over the symptoms of concussions. All the staff will be trained about concussions and how to help students recovering from concussions. This Thursday, Friday and Saturday the drama club will be doing "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown". Holly Sell wanted to say thank you for the donation of books to classrooms. Nicki Frank mentioned that we have a surplus in our scholastic account that we would like to spend on things that teachers need. A catalog was given for the teachers to look through to figure out what they want/need most.
- **Door Prize Drawings**
- **Meeting was adjourned.**

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD MONDAY, MAY 14TH AT 7PM IN SS PALMER CAFETERIA.