

# PTO MINUTES

## **SS Palmer/Parkside Elementary PTO Minutes**

*January 14, 2013*

The meeting was called to order by Mary Jo King at 7:10 p.m.

### **In attendance**

Mary Jo King – Present, Nicki Frank - Present, Brigitte White – Present, Christine Leshner – Present, Lisa Leshner – Present

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes were read from the November's meeting and approved. Laura Konze made a motion to accept the minutes, and seconded by Larissa Kimmel.

### **Approval of Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's report was read from November's meetings and approved. Michelle O'Neill made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, and seconded by Larissa Kimmel. CD renewal date is due today, so we have until the 24<sup>th</sup> of January to decide what we want to do with it. Do we want to keep it in or take it out? The current amount in the CD \$6,773.96. It will come due again in July, so if we keep it in, at the May's meeting it will have to be decided again about what to do with it. This needs to be voted on tonight to renew it. Michelle O'Neill made a motion to renew until July and seconded by Anne Cronk.

### **Old Business – Committee Reports**

- **Christmas Gifts** – report given by Lisa Leshner. The gift was a back pack, water bottle, candy cane and Claude's creamery coupon. It didn't take long to wrap the gifts Lisa reported. Thank you everyone for all your help to make this event go fast. It literally only took one hour and 15 minutes to wrap all the gifts. Thank you again for your help. There is a limited supply left over of the back packs. If anyone is interested in purchasing another back pack, Lisa will figure out a cost. Contact Mary Jo if you are interested.
- **Market Day** – Report given by Pam Andrews. Thank you for your help in December. The next sale is January 31<sup>st</sup> and the truck will arrive at 6:15 p.m. Market Day orders must be in by the January 24<sup>th</sup>. On another note, Pam is an advisory for the yearbook. Lifetouch just started last year...that as a Parent you can take pictures at school events and field trips, and then upload the pictures on the Lifetouch website. Only the yearbook staff and Pam have access to the website where the pictures are uploaded. You are only allowed to upload 5 at a time. You can always put the pictures on a cd and they can be uploaded by the Yearbook staff. It would be helpful to label what the event is or who is in the picture when uploading pictures.
- **Dance** – Report given by Angie Balch. The Christmas dance went very well. However, they were short on snacks. They had to purchase more snacks to have enough for the children. The current decorations are old or damaged and decorations are needed. Angie is asking for \$100 to purchase decorations for the Valentine's Day dance. Anne Cronk made a motion to give the dance committee a \$100 to purchase new decorations and Laura Konze seconded it. February 8<sup>th</sup> is the Valentine's Day from 3-5. Donations will be needed for this event. Individual snacks, water, juice boxes, and baked goods to name a few. A flyer will be sent home next week for requesting donations.
- **Santa's Workshop** – reported given by Nicki due to Linsey and Ann absence. Thank you for all the help. See everyone next year. There were some issues with inventory but they are looking into another company so since there are 4 committee members now we are sure they can come up with a new company to work with. If you as a PTO member have any suggestions of a company, please present your ideas to the committee. Companies are really competing to make money. MaryJo receives emails about workshops all the time. In late spring they have a luncheon that committee chairs can attend. It's almost like a job fair but with workshops

ideas. When she receives information again she will forward to the necessary people. You can get great ideas and deals like early sign up bonuses and such. The current company still hasn't sent a bill, so she doesn't have any figures to report what was profited. It will be reported next month.

## **New Business - Committee Reports**

- **SS Palmer Book Fair** – Reported by Nicki Frank due to Linsey German's absence. Parkside book fair will be the week of February 4<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup>. Set up will be on the 4<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. in room 107. Family night will be Wednesday from 5-7. Teardown will be on the 7<sup>th</sup>. The fair is scheduled for the whole week because you never know if the weather doesn't cooperate, then we have an extra day to play with. Donations of items are needed for this event. Guessing games (4 jars with different items in to guess the amount inside), juice boxes, hot dogs, chips, rolls, baked goods, ketchup and mustard. A lot of help will be needed especially at Parkside and at night. There will be games. Tickets will be for sale .25 cents each 5 for \$1. If anyone would like to contact Linsey for more information, please call at 484-264-8048.

**SS Palmer Book Fair** – Set up will be February 19<sup>th</sup> in Room 108. Family night will be on the 21<sup>st</sup>. On January 22<sup>nd</sup>, after the last few classes shop teardown will begin. Reading is out of this world is the theme this year. She decided not to go with the scholastic theme, since we have a lot of games from previous years.

**Jump Rope for Heart** – Report given by Mary Jo during to Joe Gostonyi absence. The event will be held the week of February 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> for both schools. Volunteers will be needed this year. Forms were sent home from Mr. Heller already about the event. If you filled out your information that you want to help, you should receive a group email from Mr. Heller or Joe. A schedule will be sent out as soon as it is set and then you can schedule when you would like to help.

- **Spring Fundraiser** - report given by Brigitte White (GH), Tricia Steinmetz (KK) and Tina Reph (WEP) the brochures were received from Gertrude Hawk last Tuesday. The committee plans on meeting this weekend to prepare for distribution of fundraiser information so the information will be in the school for Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. The sale starts on January 23<sup>rd</sup> and goes until February 6<sup>th</sup>. The pickup dates for Gertrude Hawk and West End pizzas are grades K-2 March 8<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. and grades 3-6 March 15<sup>th</sup> 8 a.m. -6 p.m. Both pickups are at the West End Fire Company. Any help on these days will be greatly appreciated. Pick up Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup> for Krispy Kreme – location wasn't mentioned. The West End Pizza fundraiser is still offering a pizza party to all the children who sell 5 or more pizzas.
- **Kid Bingo** – Report given by Michele O'Neil and Anne Cronk. February 10, 2013 will be the date for the bingo at the Aqua Fire Co. Doors will open at 11 a.m. bingo will start at 1 p.m. This is a family friendly bingo. In advance, the cost is \$10 per bingo ticket, if the tickets aren't sold out then the tickets will be sold at the door for \$12. Change this year: Kitchen will open at 11 a.m. and lunch will be served. There will be a kid friendly bake sale. Please keep in mind that all donations of baked goods will be priced .50 cents. This will make it easy for the children when purchasing. A lot of donations and help will be needed for this event. Items: (nut free) Cupcakes, cookies, hot dogs, onions, water, juice boxes, soda, rolls, crock pot of cooked pierogies, crock pot of mac and cheese, snack bags of pretzels and chips, soft pretzels or nugget pretzels. If someone would like to donate pierogies but doesn't want to cook them, please still donate and Michelle will cook them herself. They are requesting that all donations are needed prior to the event except baked goods. The cut off is February 6<sup>th</sup>...all donations can be dropped off at school or Michele's house. Please email Michele if something is sent to school. Volunteers are highly needed between 10-1 and then again at Intermission. There will be a flyer sent home with all this information.

Items that can be donated for Bingo prizes are as follows... Board games, webkinz, trucks, Barbie dolls, Legos, video games, and accessories. If you purchase a video game or console, please have receipt with the item when donated. A lot of small prizes are really needed for the children. We want all the children to go home with something.

- **President's report** – Thank you for your continued support. Thank you for coming tonight with all the busy schedules going on right now. There are a lot of events going on in February. Mention of the Chinese auction will be next month due to everything going on. The Chinese auction/bake sale committee is having a meeting on Thursday to discuss. All information discussed will be reported next month.

**Principal Report:** Mrs. Brumbach mentioned about the tragic event that happened on December 14<sup>th</sup> in Newtown, CT at Sandy Hook Elementary. There will be minimal change in our school security for there wasn't much that anything could have really been done at that point to change anything that was going to happen in CT that day. Our secretaries – Sally and Susan know a lot of people, however; when they aren't in the office others that are assisting don't know everyone. Therefore, if you are questioned more upon entering the school, it has nothing to do with you. It's just a safety precaution for the safety of everyone.

For the most part, things are running smooth. There were some close calls in the morning with parents dropping their children off in the middle of the street. She understands that everyone is in a hurry in the morning, but please be careful with other people's children.

She fell down the steps last Thursday and fell on the second step on the salt. Someone drove by but she wasn't sure if that person saw her. Please be careful on the steps.

Happy New Year and thank you for all you do. The gift was a great item for the children. They really enjoyed it. She added that a lot of the students were wearing them home at the end of the day. Mary Jo added that she received emails from parents thanking the PTO for the wonderful gift.

**Questions/Comments** – a question was asked about the upcoming field trips: Kindergarten is May 10<sup>th</sup> at the Bethlehem Ice house, 2<sup>nd</sup> is April 26<sup>th</sup> to the Philadelphia Zoo, 1<sup>st</sup> grade is to the Crayola Factory on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The reason why 1<sup>st</sup> grade is so late is because Crayola is remodeling and won't be finished until the end of May. As of now the last day of school is June 7<sup>th</sup>. That may change due to weather. 6<sup>th</sup> grade field trip is April 22<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade field trip is still up for discussion. Previous years the field trip was to Jim Thorpe, however, the staff was disappointed with the tour last year. The children all enjoyed the Jail but that was a 20 minute tour. A trip to Philadelphia to see a play and then visit the city hall is a thought, though financially, the idea has to be discussed and figured out.

The district decided that we don't have to make up the time from the Sandy hurricane absence, so we are not losing the 4 day President's weekend in February. However, the weather may have the finally decision in that statement.

–Door Prizes

### **Next Meeting**

February 11, 2013, at 7:00 p.m., in S.S Palmer cafeteria

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:00 p.m. and was passed unanimously. A Motion was made by Sue Novak and seconded by Karen Thomas.