

PTO MINUTES

SS Palmer/Parkside Elementary PTO Minutes

March 11, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Nicki Frank at 7:10 p.m.

In attendance

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

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were read from the January's meeting and approved. Sue Novak made a motion to accept the minutes, and seconded by Larissa Kimmel.

Approval of Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was read from January, February and March's meetings and approved. Michelle O'Neill made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, and seconded by Anne Howard. There is some money outstanding from the bingo and Dance that needs to be deposited yet. This information will be on the April's report.

Old Business – Committee Reports

- **SS Palmer Book Fair** – Report given by Nicki Frank due to Linsey's absence. She reported that everything went well. Each teacher received \$50 in books for their class rooms and Mrs. Muffley received \$500 worth of books for the library. Also, next year book fair will be changed to April due to everything that is going on in February.
- **Dance** – Report given by Angie Balch. February 15th was the Valentine's Day from 3-5. It was changed due to the inclement weather. The dance went well however we could have used more help in setting up. The next dance will be May 17th from 6-8:30 p.m. Setup for this dance will start right after school. There are a bunch of decorations in the basement that are left over for previous dances. Angie is going to try to put something together with the beach/luau theme decorations she has. Next month the DJ will have a proposal for the next year dances.
- **Spring Fundraiser** - report given by Brigitte White (GH), Tricia Steinmetz (KK) and Tina Reph (WEP) Donut pick up was February 10th and it went well. The profit was \$1,541.50 from donut sales. We had our first pick up for grades K-2 on Friday, March 8th from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. and grades 3-6 will be Friday, March 15th 8 a.m. -6 p.m. Both pickups are at the West End Fire Company. Thank you to everyone that came to help. Any help for this Friday will be greatly appreciated. The West End Pizza fundraiser is still offering a pizza party to all the children who sold 5 or more pizzas. The pizza party for K-2 was Friday, March 8th and the party for grades 2-6 will be Friday, March 22nd. Help for this event will be needed. Contact Tina Reph if you can help.
- **Toy Bingo** – Report given by Michele O'Neil and Anne Cronk. February 10, 2013 was the date for the bingo at the Aqua Fire Co. The event went very well. There were 63 children and 53 adults that attended. 1 family didn't show but bought tickets. The kitchen made \$450 and the bingo brought in \$600 with a grand total of \$1050 profit. Overall, we didn't have the respond in prizes like last year. We are thinking about changing the date of the event. Maybe in the fall?!? With everything going on in February, maybe that hindered the event some plus with donut pick up being the same day. Thank you for all the great donations and help that day. Prices were priced great for the children. Boy those children can eat.
- **Market Day** – Report given by Nicki Frank due to Pam Andrews absence. Thank you for your help to all the people that assisted in February. The next sale, all orders are due by March 15th and the truck will arrive on TUESDAY, March 26th at 6:15 p.m. The reason why Market Day pick up is a Tuesday this month is because of the Easter break holiday, we were supposed to have off the 28th.

New Business - Committee Reports

Spring Basket Social and Bake Sale – Report given by Nicki Frank due to Tammy Suto and Mary Jo King absence. The Basket Social is Sunday, March 24th from 10-3 p.m. Drawing starts at 2:30 p.m. and should go for 45 minutes.

Some of the ladies went through the baskets today at Tammy Suto's house. Unfortunately, the talent show is the Friday before the social and we normally meet on Friday night to prepare all the baskets. If you are interested in helping, please contact Tammy Suto at suto@ptd.net and she will let you know when they are planning on getting together to work on baskets. We are still in need for some stuff for the Chocolate Lover's and the Ladies basket. If you are still interested in donating items for these baskets, it would be appreciated. Report from Michele O'Neill for bake sale and food section: Michele sent an email today about donations that she needs for the event...baked goods, stuff for walking tacos, etc. A lot of help will be needed starting at 9 a.m. at the Palmerton High School. If you could give a couple hours or the whole day, any and all help will be appreciated. Food will be ready to serve by 10 a.m.

Clothing/Book Swap – Report given by Angie Balch. Clothing swap is scheduled for Saturday, April 20th at the Palmerton High School from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Set up will be at 9 a.m. A flyer will be sent home soon with more information. Angie requested \$50 for the committee to purchase new bins for the clothing collection outside the schools. Megan Gursky made a motion for the clothing swap committee to have \$50 to purchase new bins. Anne Howard seconded the motion. Lisa Lesher will give the check to Brigitte this week because she didn't have the checkbook at the meeting.

President's report –Good evening and first allow me to apologize for my absence. I am attending my oldest son's High School Basketball Banquet this evening. I'm sure you all understand how important it is for me to be there tonight.

Thank you to all of you who have volunteered and made donations for our numerous PTO sponsored events over the past 2 months. We sure were busy with dances, Bingo, Book Fairs, spring fundraiser and the Basket Social still to come. Thanks again for your time and generosity!

It has been brought to the board's attention that there seems to be some misinterpretation of points and how they are earned. First and foremost let me stress that we strongly encourage members to actively volunteer at PTO events to earn points. Not only do you earn points by volunteering at the events you also get to spend time with the children which is the whole reason for our organization, to provide fun activities and such for the entire student body. However, we understand that due to work and other conflicting schedules, that being at an actual event may not be possible; therefore we like to offer the opportunity to earn a point with a donation. Please note the issuing of points is as follows, as stated in the PTO Bylaws and the Committee Chair Guidelines: Each hour a PTO member participates in a PTO sponsored activity/committee, he/she will accrue 1 hour of "chaperone" credits. Credits can be earned by any active family (parent, grandparent or legal guardian) PTO member. Volunteered time accounted as follows:

15 minutes = .25 credits

30 minutes = .50 credits

45 minutes = .75 credits

1 hour = 1 credit

Regarding donation credit: 1 donation credit will be given PER CHILD PER EVENT, NOT per person donating. There will be some cases where multiple credits are issued and to be approved by the board. Only chair people should turn in point sheets to the secretary. Please remember that credits earned go directly towards the child, NOT THE PTO MEMBER. YOU, as the PTO member are not earning the points but rather the child. If you would like further clarification please contact me, MaryJo at 610-826-8213 or mjking@ptd.net Thank you for your cooperation in this matter! We certainly appreciate all of your hard work and dedication.

Principal Report: Mary Brumbach wanted to report that is she is sorry for her absence. She has been very sick and apologizes. She will return emails and calls as soon as she can.

Questions/Comments –Is the PTO(Hospitality) helping with the talent show this year to supply refreshments? Anne Cronk will talk to Mrs. Andrews and see if we can use the cafeteria and if there will be an intermission. Donations may be needed if so. An email will be sent through the yahoo group with request of donations.

–Door Prizes

Next Meeting

April 8, 2013, at 7:00 p.m., in S.S Palmer cafeteria

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:30 p.m. and was passed unanimously. A Motion was made by Sue Novak and seconded by Robert Balch.