

# PTO MINUTES

## SS Palmer/Parkside Elementary PTO Minutes

May 13, 2013

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

### In attendance

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

### Approval of Minutes

The minutes were read from the April's meeting and approved. Sue Novak made a motion to accept the minutes, and seconded by Magin Gursky.

### Approval of Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was read from April's meeting and approved. Robert Balch made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, and seconded by Joe Gostonyi. Check # 3535 is still outstanding amount from West End Fire Company. Tina Reph is holding the check until she receives a correct amount. The check may become voided out in treasurer's report in September. George's busing doesn't bill until all the field trips are over. We will probably receive a bill in June for all the field trip use of busing. Certificate of deposit needs to be voted on to figure out if we as the organization need the amount of \$6,773.96 in our check book or let it where it stands for now. Christine felt that as long as the check book does not go below \$5,000- \$10,000 we should be ok. Therefore, Anne Cronk made a motion to let the cd were it is for now until January when it is due again and seconded by Michele O'Neill. No action is needed from the current treasurer, unless we want to take the money out. She than has 10 days to react.

### Old Business – Committee Reports

- **Elections of Officers** – Presentation given by Anne Cronk. Mary Jo is stepping down from President and Lisa Leshner is not seeking re-election. After the organization voted the following people are our new officers: **Nicki Frank** is our NEW President, **Michele O'Neill** is the NEW Vice President, **Brigitte White** is the secretary and **Angie Balch** is our NEW Treasurer. Welcome and congratulations ladies.
- **Mother's Day Plant Sale** – report given by Magin Gursky. The plant sale was held on May 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Parkside was May 8<sup>th</sup> in the library/Art room. SS Palmer held on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> in the alcove. The plants were sold for \$1.25 each. Everything went very well. All the classes did a great job and in less time than scheduled per class. Everyone seemed to be happy with the plants Magin selected this year from Dan Schantz. One class alone purchased 111 plants, which is great. 1,752 4" pots were ordered, which was more than what was purchased last year. Magin had to purchase more flowers from Country Junction so she had enough flowers for the event. After all bills were paid to the greenhouse, Country Junction and for foil, our profit was \$395.80. (This was not a fundraiser, so the organization wasn't look to make a profit on this event. It was strictly for the children in mind only!) 46 of the 4" pots and 62 of the individual flowers were given to Robert Balch to be planted at Parkside. A special thank you to Sue Novak for stepping up and helping Magin when she really needed it because her co-chair started a new job and was unavailable. Thank you to all the people that helped with this event, whether it was cutting foil, unloading truck, or help during the event at the schools. Again, thank you to everyone!!
- **Market Day** – report given by Palm Andrews. Thank you to everyone that helped throughout the year and at the last pick up even though there wasn't much help. The last and final orders for this school year are due May 24<sup>th</sup>. The pick up will be May 30<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. PLEASE COME OUT AND HELP WITH UNLOADING, SORTING AND DISTRIBUTING! There is no Market Day in June, July and August.
- **Track and Field/Play Day**- report given by Nicki Frank. The event was held in the park for the K-3 and the high school for 4-6. All the scheduled days worked out with the beautiful weather and it was just great! Lots of pictures were taken.

- **Farwell Dance** – Report given by Angie Balch. The final dance of the 2012/2103 school year will be held on Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 6-8:30 p.m. Setup time for the dance will be at 3:00 p.m. A LOT of help will be needed to set up and chaperones. This is a free event so a lot of donations will be needed as well. Food/drink/snack donations can be dropped off at the school. Please remember to mark the items appropriately to receive PTO credit.
- **Clothing/Book Swap** – Report given by Angie Balch. Clothing swap was on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at the Palmerton High School from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. We could have used a lot more help with set up but other than that everything went well. Book Swap: Larissa reported that she had 15 galloon totes of books and ended with 3 boxes left. The event went well. She is looking for youth chapter books for next year if anyone has to donate.
- **Teacher Appreciation luncheon** – Report given by Mary Jo King for SS Palmer and Jen Sterner for Parkside. The luncheon was scheduled for May 9<sup>th</sup>. The staff was looking forward to it and enjoyed it very much. Thank you to everyone that donated towards the event. For everyone that did donate but didn't get their dishes back, all the leftover dishes will be in the SS Palmer PTO room. If you would like to get them back, please contact Mary Jo and she will make sure you receive it.
- **Festival** – report given by Michele O'Neil. The festival will be held September 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. A lot of help will be needed for the whole weekend. Please come and help. It is a great time working in the stand. Pass the word and let new kindergarten parents know they can earn PTO points early in the year. This year fudge is being considered for sale in our stand. Michele is going to run some numbers and speak with Country Junction. More information will be announced when it comes available. Robert Balch mentioned about Italian ice as a suggestion. Apple Dumplings from Nothing but Dumplings will be sold again in the stand along with the fruit crepes.

## **New Business - Committee Reports**

- **Committee Chairperson Update** – Report given by Nicki Frank. There are a lot of committees that are open and looking for chair people. A list of the openings will be listed on the website by Monday. If you are interested, please apply for the position you are interested in. The officers will decide after everyone has applied. Positions available are Christmas gifts, track and field, Basket Social, beautification for Parkside, Co-chair for SS palmer book fair, Fall festivities, Halloween parade, Jump rope for heart, childcare, PTO Kitchen mom and hospitality. If you would like more information about a committee just ask an officer or chairperson of that committee. Hopefully by June, all the positions will be filled.
- **President Report** – Profit from apple dumplings fundraiser is \$1,689.60.  
Thank you for all your hard work that you did for the PTO this past year.  
This is the last PTO meeting that Mary Jo will run for this year. She has dedicated herself to the PTO for 10 years and 9 years as an officer. She isn't going anywhere so the dedication will still remain, just not as a President of the PTO. Now she can be more involved with her current committees or maybe continue with more. Mary Jo addressed Christine with a big thank you and an exit present for all her dedication to the PTO as well. Christine's daughter is going to the Junior High in the fall. Thank you... Christine for all your hard work.
- **Principal report** – Happy Mother's Day. It was a wonderful day. She can't believe that it is so close to the end of the school year. The Soar carnival is being squeezed in for June 4<sup>th</sup>. Help will be needed for this event. She mentioned that she wants to scale it down this year; however she will continue to do the dunk tank. She mentioned that she will not do the pie in the face, though.  
She made a special thank you announcement to Mary Jo and Christine for their years of service and commitment to the PTO. She can't say enough about how important the PTO is to our schools and how easy we make it for the staff. Thank you for another year and a job well done!

**Questions/Comments** – Pam Andrews expressed her appreciation and thanked PTO for the Teacher's luncheon, which was held on May 9<sup>th</sup> for all the teachers.

Laura Konze questioned why Lisa Leshner ran for shadowing treasurer if she didn't plan to seek re-election for the upcoming year? Lisa is moving her children to Towamensing.

Pam Andrews stated that photos for yearbook will be accepted throughout the summer and wrap it up around mid July. They will be working on the yearbook all summer. You can still upload pictures to the lifetouch website or CD's can be dropped off at the school in her mailbox if you prefer.

Summer Rec will start June 17<sup>th</sup> and run for 6 weeks from 9-12. July 26<sup>th</sup> will be the last day. Forms will be sent home soon in the Wednesday communicator. The cost is \$50 per week.

As a gesture of thoughts and sympathy the SS Palmer PTO family sent a gift snack basket to the Towamensing school due to the loss of Mr. House. A lot of staff at Palmer as well as Towamensing was affected by the loss of a great man. RIP Mr. House!

–Door Prizes

### **Next Meeting**

Tentatively...September 9, 2013, at 7:00 p.m., in S.S Palmer cafeteria

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:50 p.m. and was passed unanimously. A Motion was made by Joe Gostonyi and seconded by Laura Konze.

HAVE A GREAT AND SAFE SUMMER!!!