

# PTO MINUTES

## **S.S. Palmer/Parkside Elementary PTO Minutes**

*March 10, 2014*

The meeting was called to order by Nicki Frank at 7:07 p.m.

### **Officer attendance**

Nicki Frank – present, Michele O'Neill - Present, Brigitte White – Present, Angie Balch –present Mary Brumbach - present

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes were read from the February's meeting and approved. Mary Herrmann made a motion to accept the minutes, and seconded by Magin Gursky.

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

The Treasurer's report was read from February's Meeting and approved. Larissa Kimmel made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, and seconded by Michelle Gordon.

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

- **Spring Fundraiser** – Report given by Brigitte White due to Tricia Steinmetz and Tina Reph's absence. Profits: Krispy Kreme Donuts was a profit of \$1,624.50 and Matey's Pizza was \$1,284.00
- **Palmer Book Fair** – Report given by Nicki Frank. There was no book fair for Palmer this year due to all the snow delays and cancellations. Set up was supposed to be Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup> and then a storm came that week and the children didn't have school. Then that Monday was President's holiday. As a group decision, it was best for the children to be in class and not have any more interruptions. Book fair may be rescheduled this school year. However, if it isn't, Book fair will be in the fall like usual.
- **Jump Rope for Heart** – Report given by Karen Thomas. Jump Rope for heart was held the week of February 24<sup>th</sup> – Students went during their regularly scheduled gym class. The event went very well. There were a lot of volunteers which was awesome. The event made it through the whole week, even with the 2 hour delay on the last day. Nicki Noted: She thanked everyone for all their help. Plus, she was in the gym on that Friday and was taking pictures. If your child was at Jump rope for heart on Friday and you would like any pictures...Please contact Nicki.

### **Monthly Fundraiser Reports**

- **Market Day** – Report given by Nicki Frank due to Pam's absence. The next pick up will be March 27<sup>th</sup> from 7-8 p.m. with the truck coming around 6:00-6:15 p.m. Help will be needed. Please stop by and help.
- **Gift Cards** – report given by Angie Balch. The gift card flyers were sent home last Wednesday. The sale will end on March 17<sup>th</sup>. Orders can be made online using code: 8AB1L1EA38945. You can also pay online but it will cost an additional .15 cents. Otherwise, you can send a check to school. If you order online and send a check to school. Please do not include the order form because it will be double ordered. The pick-up will be in conjunction with Market day- March 27<sup>th</sup>. April is the last month for Gift card orders. It will start up again in the fall.
- **Box Tops/Labels for Education** – report given by Nicki Frank due to Kathleen's absence. Collected: Labels for Education – 2,337 and 6,051 Box tops which equals to \$705.10 profit. Mrs. Strohl's class was February's winner and Mrs. Beahn's class was January's winner. Both classes will receive a party. If anyone would like to help clip and prepare box tops, please let Nicki Frank know.

## New Business - Committee Reports

- **Committee Chair Update** - Report given by Michele O'Neill. The following committees are open and looking to be filled: Beautification for Palmer, Halloween Parade (looking for chair and co-chair), Santa's Workshop – Palmer (co-chair), Jump Rope for Heart (co-chair). Please visit our website to review description and to apply for a position. If you have any questions regarding a committee, please contact any one of the officers and they will assist you.
- **Basket Social** – Report given by Nicki Frank. The basket social will be held on March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10-3 p.m. at the Palmerton High School. Drawing will start at 2:30 p.m. March 10<sup>th</sup> was the delay for items to be sent to school. There is a working meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at Nicki Frank's residence (485 Columbia Avenue) At that time, items may be dropped off, as well. Help will be needed to organize and arrange baskets, if you would like to help, please stop by. If you don't have time to help, please stop by during the event on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and help support that way. Either way, it would be great to see everyone. FYI: It is requested that no children be present at the working meeting on Thursday night due to it being a school night and the event may run late.
- **Bake Sale and Refreshments** – Report given by Michele O'Neill. During the basket social, hot food will be served along with a bake sale. A flyer was sent home in the Wednesday Communicator with a list of supplies needed. Also, an email through the Yahoo group was sent on Monday with the same information. Any and all baked goods will be accepted... cakes, cookies, bread, muffins, candy, cupcakes, pies, or anything else you would like to bring. The donations for hot foods should be brought in a crock pot. The crock pot will be returned once the event is over. Please contact Michele for more information. Set up will be at 8 a.m. at the High School. Doors will open to the public starting at 10 a.m. Please let Michele know what you would like to donate by March 19<sup>th</sup> so she can plan accordingly. Items can be dropped off at Michele's house the day before or at the High School the morning of the event prior to start time.
- **Gertrude Hawk Pick Up** – Report given by Brigitte White. The truck will deliver on Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup> between 5-7 p.m. The official pick up will be Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 – 7 p.m. Brigitte will be at the school around 2 p.m. on Tuesday to move all the boxes from the PTO Room to the cafeteria and organize from there. Help will be needed for this. If you are available to help either day or both, your help would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Brigitte if you are able to help.
- **Clothing Swap** – Report given by Angie Balch. The clothing swap will be held on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at the S.S. Palmer or High School. (we are waiting for use of faculties to be returned).The bins will be set up outside the schools starting March 17<sup>th</sup> for collection of clothing. We will be scheduling a sort day and send out a request for help via the Yahoo group and Facebook. Larger size sweatpants are needed, if you have any to donate; please contact Mrs. Zurn (the nurse) directly. **\*\*\*After the date and this information were reported, Magin Gursky mentioned that the Easter egg hunts in town will be going on that day during our times of the event. Angie and Brigitte will discuss and figure out another day so there aren't any conflicts.**
- **Apple Dumpling Fundraiser** – Report given by Nicki Frank. Once again we will have an apple dumpling fundraiser starting April 2<sup>nd</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> and pick up will be April 28<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-7p.m. Truck will deliver at 3:30 p.m. and sorting will begin. There is only Apple and sugar free Apple. There is NO peach this year. The price is the same as last year, which is \$3.50 each.
- **President Report** –Report given by Nicki Frank. Nicki reported that she has the dates for the playdays and Track and field. K/1st grades are scheduled for May 12<sup>th</sup> with rain date May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> grades May 14<sup>th</sup> with rain date May 15<sup>th</sup>. 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Track and Field will be at the High School on May 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-2 p.m. with rain date on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. NEW...A facebook page was created for S.S. Palmer PTO. Nicki had some issues with setting up the account and received some assistance from Michelle Gordon who is setting up account as a "Business". This should be completed soon. Please become friends with us and be informed about the PTO events more promptly through your phone. Nicki spoke with the superintendent and he is all for it. Please be advised that this is an informative page. There will be no negative comments about school decisions or teachers. Posts will be deleted

immediately, if there is. Everyone can post to this page. Therefore, all committee chairs can post reminders or important information that needs to be shared.

- **Principal report** –Mrs. Brumbach reported that picture day will be Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. Reading Across America was Monday for Parkside students and Friday for S.S. Palmer students. The children had a blast. She mentioned that she added what Day it is for the start of March in her newsletter. PSSA testing starts March 24<sup>th</sup> for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Each day the children will take 1 test except for Thursday, there will be 2 tests taken. If your child comes home and seems burned out or not themselves, they probably aren't. PSSA testing is very hard on the children and teachers. The best way to prepare your child for the testing is to supply a good breakfast and an early night's sleep. Please tell your children to just do the best that they can. These tests are difficult on the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders as well because they must be quiet while the rest of the school takes the tests. Each year the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders do a great job with this request.

**Questions/Comments:** A question was asked what was the difference between Matey's and West End pizzas this year, financially. No dollar amounts could be reported because the chair wasn't present and no one else had that information available. Magin Gursky added that she is a personal friend of Ron, the owner of Matey's and she stated that he is a great guy and will do an excellent job to satisfy our requests. Nicki added that Larry and Susie were representing and did a great job with distributing the pizzas last Sunday. A concern is that we left a local business, however Matey's is out of Allentown and the representatives are still local.

### **Next Meeting**

April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., in S.S Palmer cafeteria

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:38 p.m. and was passed unanimously. A Motion was made by Joe Gostonyi and seconded by Sue Novak.