

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

May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015

The meeting was called to order by **Brigitte White** at 7:10 pm.

## **In attendance**

Brigitte White – Present, Magin Gursky -Present, Larissa Kimmel –Present

**Introduction:** none

## **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes were read from April's meeting and approved. Laura Konze made a motion to accept the minutes, and seconded by Steph Meixsell.

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

I made a change to how the treasure report looks. If you have any questions about it please ask. Also there were two deposits made, but I am not sure what committee they belong to. If they are from a committee you head or help with, please let me know. Anne Cronk made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, and seconded by Brandy Kresge.

**Election of Officers-** report given by Mary. There was discussion about how it would be done at April's meeting. We elected a nominating committee which consisted of Magin Gursky, Sue Novak and myself. We got many many, many nominations. After contacting the nominated people, they had a chance to accept or decline the nomination. After contacting each person we have the following people running:

Treasurer- Melissa Hager, Stephanie Meixsell, Wendi Bartholomew, Kristy Gable

Secretary- Jennifer Sommers, Stephanie Meixsell, Wendi Bartholemew, Anne Cronk

Vice President- Larissa Kimmel, Stephanie Meixsell

President- Brigitte White, Michelle O'Neil

Each nominee was able to stand and say a few words if they chose to. Sue Novak passed out the forms for everyone to vote and votes were collected right away as well.

## **Old Business –**

- **Spirit Wear-** report given by Steph Bollinger. The order has been placed. We do not have a delivery date as of now. It will definitely be delivered before the end of school. We will need help sorting the orders. We did good for this time of year. I think it's good to do two sales through the school year.
- **Nothing but Dumplings-** report given by Lisa Kistler. We sold 343 dumplings for a profit of \$530.60. Jon is done as he said he didn't renew his license. We will continue looking for a new idea to replace the dumplings for next year. If anyone comes across anything please let me know.
- **Farewell Dance-** report given by Brigitte. The dance committee with need volunteers for our farewell dance May 15th -setup from 4-6, chaperoning from 6-8 and cleanup from 8-830. Our total monetary donations are \$315. We spent \$179.41 between snacks, drinks, and decorations, leaving \$135.59 in monetary donations left over. The DJ's dates were approved by Mrs. Brumbach and are as

follows: October 30, 2015, December 11, 2015, with a snow date December 18, 2015, February 5, 2016, and May 13, 2016. With Mrs. Brumbach's approval we have decided to try a different approach with the farewell dance and how the children are admitted into the farewell dance. Normally, the children would hand in their paperwork to their teachers and then the teachers would give us their permissions slips. From past experience this has created a bit of stress due to not knowing if the children actually showed up to the dance. We have asked the children to bring the completed permission slip with them the night of the dance upon entry. This way we know, if we have a permission slip, then the child is in the gym. We would like to thank everyone for their donations and a thank you in advance to anyone volunteering at the dance. It will be a Luau theme.

- **Mother's Day Plant Sale-** report given by Magin. Plant sale went GREAT! We did have some rain on the 1st day, which is nothing new, as it always seems to rain during the Plant sale. I want to thank my co-chairs at Parkside, who did a good job for it being their first year and for my Palmer co-chair Brandy, along with all of the parent help, who also did a good job. It is greatly appreciated by not only myself, but by the children as well. There were 23 plants that were given to Beautification at the end of the day on Thursday. I believe those plants may already be planted as Nicole said she was going to do so over the weekend. Not only did we almost go through the 1800, 4 inch plants, but we also almost went through the small flowers that come in 6 pack that you cut apart (those were the plants we have given to the unfortunate child in each class in prior years, but we didn't do that this year due to a mix up and not knowing they were delivered till Thursday) I want to thank Sue and Brandy for replacing a few of the flowers that looked shabby, with the individual ones, so that the kids had great looking flowers to pick from.

The cost we paid for the flowers and pot covers was \$1,979.60.

Parkside total sales on Wednesday was \$725.00

Palmer total sales on Wednesday was \$829.25

Palmer total sales on Thursday was \$1,554.00

Totaling \$2,724.00 in sales. Making our profit \$720.40 (please note this is not a fundraiser or something we do to make a profit from).

In 2014 we earned \$551.06, which is 30.73% increase and in 2013 we earned \$395.80, which is 82.01% increase.

Thank you all again and hope you all enjoyed the flowers your children picked out. Also, hope each of you had a great Mother's Day.

- **Play Days & Track -n- Field Day-** report given by Sarah Mayers. On Friday, I will be taking the jugs up to the high school and will pick them back up. I can't be there all day, so I am in need of someone to refill the jugs throughout the day.

## Monthly Fundraisers

- **Market Day (May 28th)-** report given by Mrs. Andrews. Thank you to all the helpers and customers. The sale helps benefit the 6<sup>th</sup> graders. The cut-off for this month's sale will be May 21<sup>st</sup>. The truck will arrive at 6:45. This will be the last sale of the school year.
- **Gift Card (May 28th)-** report given by Wendi Bartholomew. It was another slow month again. We made maybe \$25.00. The company is offering more cards that can be reloaded. As you think about your summer vacations think of places you will be passing and pick up some cards as it will help benefit our school.

- **Box Tops and Labels for Education-** No one was present to give a report.
- **Ink Cartridges-** report given by Wendy Bartholomew. Heather and I have looked through the 4 boxes we have. There are a few cartridges that are not accepted. We are going to look to see if Staples might take them. We have checked out several companies and the company we currently use is the company who gives us the most money back.

## New Business

- **Teacher's Luncheon (May20)-** report given by Laura Konze. I really know nothing, as I am new to the committee and haven't had a chance to get in contact with MaryJo. There should have been a letter sent home or it will be sent home soon. If you don't receive one let me know and I will get you a letter. The date of the luncheon this year will be May 20<sup>th</sup>. Send in lots of food as the teachers love it.
- **Bomber Fun Run-** report given by Larissa. Last year the Bomber Fun Run was very successful. We are looking for volunteers to help plan for the 2015-2016 Bomber Fun Run. Please give all your info to me if you are looking to help plan over the summer. I would like to ask for \$500.00 for supplies, as the \$100.00 we got last year didn't get us too much. Laura Konze made a motion to give the \$500.00 to the Bomber Fun Run. Michelle O'Neil seconded the motion.
- **Festival (Sept 11,12,13) -** report given by Michelle O'Neil. Duck race tickets are \$5.00 each. This year we HAVE to sell each one we have. We are working on a new place to do the dumplings. I have several calls out to places and a few of them even being local places. Look for emails and facebook to help and for more details. This event planning happens a lot before school even starts.
- **S.O.A.R Carnival (June 2<sup>nd</sup>)-** report given by Mr. Palazo. This is an end of year SOAR carnival. The PTO donates money to rent the snow cone machine, popcorn, and cotton candy machine. We got an invoice for \$177.00 at the Country Junction. We do have a few supplies, but we do need to purchase a few things as well. The carnival happens during the kids recess in the back parking lot. If it would rain, then it would move into the gym. Setup will start at 10am and will end at 2pm. Will send schedule out of recesses. The carnival is only food, dunk tank and music.
- **Giant A+ Totals-** report given by Laura Konze. We had 200 Bonus cards signed up. If you have not registered please do so. Laura will revamp the letter and resend it home next year. It runs October of the school year to March. Once you register you don't have to redo it again. Anyone can register their cards. So if you have any family members have them register their cards to our school. We had a profit of \$883.44...WE CAN DO BETTER!
- **President's Report** – given by Brigitte. I really don't have much to say other than it's been a rocky year. I want to thank everyone for everything they've done this year.
- **Principal's Report** – report given by Mrs. Brumbach.  
Don't have much to say this time of year. PSSA's finished in April. The new dates for next year were on the newsletter that recently went out. May 22<sup>nd</sup> is the last day of charges for the cafeteria  
Kindergarten registration is way down. Please have everyone register if they have a child who is kindergarten age.

Happy belated Mother's Day to everyone. All events happening were listed on the newsletter. We definitely are hopping with everything going on.

In case you are unaware there have been more Police outside during drop off and pick up. Thank you to Mrs. Sell! Hoping that will end or limit the stuff that was happening during drop off and pick up. Brigitte asked if the mats for the playground were ordered. We did get some but not enough. I will have to check to see if more were ordered as I can't remember.

August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015 will be the first day of the 2015-2016 school year.

June 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> are ½ days. June 9<sup>th</sup> will be our last day of school of the students and June 10<sup>th</sup> will be the last day of school for the teachers.

- **Election Results-** report given by Mrs. Brumbach.

President- Michelle O'Neil

Vice President- Larissa Kimmel

Secretary- Anne Cronk

Treasurer- Melissa Hager

Thank you everyone! Thank you for the nominations and thank you to the officers who will be leaving us.

- **Questions/Comments** – Becky Christman wanted to let everyone know that she appreciated how the transition went very well. Thank you!

Parkside will be having the Author of Chippy the Chipmunk visit on Tuesday May 26<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Muffley and Mrs. Sell will be having a book swap at Parkside before the end of school. It will be held on May 27<sup>th</sup>, 1 to 2 books to swap. If you have books to donate, there will be a bin out front of Parkside to drop them off.

- **Basket Drawing**

## Next Meeting

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:25 pm by Sue Novak and was passed unanimously. The motion was seconded by Mary Hermann.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!