

PTO BOARD MEETING MINUTES

9/13/2011

2011/12 President Becca Oberlander opened the meeting and asked Ann Lynn Walker (Past President) to Recap how we spent PTO fund sin the last 12 months.

Recap of PTO expenditures by Ann Lynn Walker: Lap tops for all teachers, amazing and much anticipated sound system for the auditorium (flash drive can be used on system!), brain pop subscription, and a renewal of BookFlix were the highlights. Next step for the auditorium is lighting.

Becca then introduces various committee chairs and volunteers to update us on recent and upcoming events, programs, etc.

Elizabeth Merkel—chair of parent mixer & silent auction

40 items received so far but we need more. Hoping for lots of advance ticket sales in order to help us plan. Elizabeth needs volunteers for night of event and people to check out at 8:30. Sylvan Park PNA will be offering childcare at school from 6-9:15 for this event. Pizza and fun is only \$5 per child. Deadline for childcare reservations is September 23rd. If you have items to donate, want to reserve childcare, or need information, **email pto.spark@gmail.com**.

Free Money for the School!

Becca started a discussion on all of the possible ways to earn extra money for the school . . . Box tops, Grocery Store options . . . Publix key fob, Harris Teeter link your VIC card (Must be linked yearly), Kroger purchase \$5 card and reload for groceries SP gets a percent, Target, Coca cola-enter online codes at **www.mycokerewards.com**. Register and under the schools tab set it up to donate to Sylvan Park. We can trade in for items that are useful to our school. Bring your old cell phones (no accessories needed and they don't need to work), lap tops, game boys, etc. to leave in box in front office for Didi Sparks to send in for \$. Toner cartridges as well can be recycled for \$ by bringing to school and placing in box in front office.

Hand on Nashville is coming to help us Saturday Sept. 24th. Parent volunteers are welcome. Email Joyce Claassen at joyce.claassen@mnp.org for more information.

Angela Williams updated us on her many ongoing projects . . .

Successful home tour. Made \$205 with the bake sale for the student activity fund. This fund is used for school supplies etc. Left over baked goods were frozen to be available for an upcoming event.

Spirit wear is now for sale. A flyer will be going out soon and it can be ordered now on the pto website. We will also have a spring sale this year.

Outdoor classroom. A student in Homebuilding Management at a local university has asked if we would like to have anything built. We are considering a new picnic table for the front of school so that an entire class could sit out there for lunch and an Outdoor Classroom. A committee being formed to consider the possibilities—open air, screened in, etc. May look into Owls Hill who has an outdoor classroom and Waldens Puddle. Contact Angela Williams if interested in joining the committee. **aawilliams1974@gmail.com**

Spaghetti Festival, May 4 the day that TCAPS end.

Cafeteria. Amazing painting by Chelle Baldwin and many other volunteers. Sound absorbing leaves for trees will be coming soon. A system will be organized to have the kids responsible for watering the plants in the indoor flower boxes.

Kate Wingate pathway info. Kate brought everyone up to date on the happenings of last year—lack of pathway to West End Middle for Sylvan Park lottery families posing a real problem because there was no longer enough room to include everyone as there had been in years past. Committee was formed by Kate and others to discuss possibilities. The district's solution was Haynes Middle Paedeia Pathway which was of no interest to most SP families due to location among other things. Pathway committee is continuing to meet and plans to work with the district to create options that work better for SP families.

Betsy Hoban announced that we have sold \$8400.00 of the CitySaver books so far. Many books have not been returned or paid for. Another order for over \$300 came in during her announcement!! Please send unwanted books back. **Betsyhoban@bell south.net for info.**

Katy Waymire VP of fundraising

Fabu Night—Nov 15. from 6-8 pm Fabu will donate 20% of sales back to our school. Fun night and a really cute store!

Sharing Spree (similar to Groupon and some of the other online deals) gives back to nonprofits. We will be working with them 2 times this year and get 10% of all sales. There are also benefits to our school for anyone that purchases items on Sharing Spree and has selected our school to benefit—5% of every purchase. We will help pick what we want the sale items to be. The first one will be in November.

Bounce U night 50% of proceeds to SP. Held after report cards go out each time. 5:30-6:30 bounce with just our school and then have pizza at 6:30. First one coming up in November.

Mary Frances—yearbook. Wants to get people to start taking pictures. Need to be high res. Will get more info on specs and let us know. She would like to have all photos in by January. Possible ways to get photos would be each grade post onto a Flickr or Photo Bucket account. Ellen Bibb will meet with Mary Frances and the Yearbook company at Star Bagel on Friday at 9:30 a.m. Mary Frances would be more than happy to have people help with this project.

Katy Hansen garden committee head. Fall garden going in right now. Curriculum is being considered to get kids engaged, but the garden first needs to be accessible to all students. Saturday a.m. is often a time when work is done and sometimes parents meet on Friday mornings. Neighbors of our school have offered to help water. Help would be welcomed and appreciated! **Email Katy at katehans@gmail.com**

Rockstar music Ed. Andrea Riddle (Kindergarten teacher and mother of one of last year's alumni) introduced us to Ashley of Rockstar Music Ed. Very popular this summer with kids including Libby Riddle and a huge hit in LA. Kids meet once a week for an hour after school and learn how to play/sing 2 songs. It ends with a performance at the end of the "semester". They provide instruments, no experience necessary. October through Feb., probably Monday or Tuesday. Cost will be around \$15/class/student. Next steps have not been determined but there was a great deal of interest.

Katherine Brown, Treasury Budget—proposed PTO budget for 2011-12 were handed out. Income and expenses are very similar to last year. We may have a 5% increase in expenses. Budget was voted on and approved.

Joyce Claassen (SP Librarian) has BookFlix info for everyone.