

**Margaret Beeks PTO Minutes**  
General Meeting, March 6, 2013, 4 PM

**Attendance:** Jenny Lo, Carla Slebodnick, Faith Taylor, Rhonda Burch, Lisa Maloney, Bill Sembello, Meredith Shealor, Jane McGuigan, Carly Weber, Dawn Owczarski, Yvonne Clark, Steve Sutphen, Laura Krish, Micah Mefford

- I. Call to Order at 4 PM
- II. Approval of Minutes from February 2013 meeting
- III. Principal Report
  - a. MCPS will be conducting surveys for each school. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade will also be surveyed.
  - b. One book, one school (Humphrey) was fabulous. Turnout of teachers and families was great at the final Humphrey festival.
  - c. Kindergarten orientation scheduled for April 18 and April 23.
  - d. International Dinner: April 11.
- IV. Teacher Representatives Report
  - a. Teacher Appreciation Luncheon wonderful! Teachers want the recipes (note—there was a binder of recipes, but not sure what happened to it).
  - b. K-2 wish list: projector bulbs for Smart boards, small-size headphones for the computer lab, (Mr. Mefford said on order); bigger tricycles (new or gently used), color toner for copiers.
- V. Treasurer's Report
  - a. February Income=\$1154.00 (all from Kroger cards).
  - b. February Expenses=\$43.03: Guidance Discretionary = \$27.28; Principal Discretionary = \$15.75
- VI. President's Report: The next PTO President's Meeting with Superintendent Blackburn is March 21. Let Jenny Lo know if you have any topics you would like her to mention.
- VII. Open Issues
  - a. *Give Me Five:*
    - March/April focus will be on Dads. Opportunities for dads to volunteer include: Daddy-daughter dance March 13 from 6-8 PM; Gardening day (March 30<sup>th</sup>); Big Event (April 6), clean out Beeks basement!
    - We logged 43 hrs "Give me 5" volunteer time in February (this only includes people who specifically chose "Give Me 5 Volunteer" on computer login). Might want to include all volunteer hours in the future since technically all hours count.
  - b. *Adventure World Fundraiser:* Tuesday February 12, 6-8 PM. Raised about \$300. Carla will coordinate with the Werner family and Mrs. Burch about purchasing books for the library in memory of Kat Werner.

- c. *Staples School Kidz*: Long discussion! In summary:
- Staples offers a program to buy pre-packaged school supplies for start of the school year. Parents would order grade-level specific packages.
  - To implement for 2013-14: Teachers would have to provide the grade-level supply list by end of March. Orders would be placed online via credit card before the end of *this* school year. Supplies would be delivered late summer. This would *not* be a fundraiser for PTO or Beeks. Prices are good and included deliver to front sidewalk (inside school if order large enough). The price paid is pro-rated depending on when the contract is signed. We are late for this year and would receive minimal (<5%) discount.
  - Need to poll teachers about interest. Need to consider whether to start this year, next year, or never.
  - Also discussed an alternative of PTO ordering items in bulk and giving parents an option of paying a flat fee rather than doing the annual before school shopping spree. This would be more work for the PTO, but could be a fundraiser and might get even lower prices.

VIII. New Issues

a. Committee Updates:

- *Restaurant Night*: Sal's on March 6. Ben and Jerry's on April 30<sup>th</sup> (teachers will scoop!)
- *Yearbook*: only 131 orders so far. The contract is for 276. Mr. Mefford said this is normal. Laura will send out a reminder.
- *Fundraising*: The Wolfgang Chocolates Spring Fundraiser brought in about \$800.
- *Landscaping*: Garden day March 30<sup>th</sup>. Big Event April 6<sup>th</sup>.

IX. Meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM.