

Review old business

Members: We decided that we would not change the member definitions in the by-laws. Anyone in the community can be an honorary member, meaning they can volunteer and attend meetings. All parents or guardians are regular members. Voting members are those who have paid their dues.

Position descriptions: The secretary will be responsible for the website. The reporter will be responsible for the marquee, bulletin board, newsletter, and be a media liaison to get more publicity for the school.

VP vs. President Elect: The by-laws will be amended to change the President-Elect position to a Vice President position. The clause that requires the Vice President to become President will be removed. These changes will be voted on at our first general meeting on Sept. 11th.

Meeting Change: Meetings will continue to occur the first Weds. of the month, alternating between 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm. The first meeting will be Sept. 11 at 4:00 pm to avoid conflicting with the first day of school.

Budget for 2013-2014: A preliminary budget was reviewed. This will be voted on at our first meeting on Sept. 11.

What Mr. Mefford is doing for the year

Mr. Mefford will take on give me 5. He will continue the newsletter and encourage more teacher involvement in the program. The PTO will continue to plan activities and encourage volunteers.

Mr. Mefford has set up committees that the teachers will be involved in. In addition, he would like parent volunteers to participate in these committees.

Mr. Mefford would like to do some school-sponsored fund-raising, including a movie night, selling tail-gating food in addition to parking for football games, and a 5 K run in the spring.

Goals for 2013-2014

Increase community involvement by participating in parades and making t-shirts and/or car magnets. Some discussion over whether we would sell these items as a fund-raiser or give them away. We thought we might give something to incoming kindergartners as a welcome gift. This year it will probably be a car magnet. Others can purchase the items.

We would like to continue Momentum from last year with community

Contacting everyone in the school – we would like PTO announcements to go to the whole school rather than just those who sign up with PTO. To facilitate communication, we will utilize the classroom parent, who will send communications to each class. One list will be gathered at the beginning of the year which indicates whether the class parent can contact the parent, and whether the person can be listed in the directory. We will not ask for contact information multiple times. Faith will meet with class parents at the beginning of the year to delineate their responsibilities.

Newsletter: For now it is under the reporter, but someone else can step up and do the newsletter.

First Day Packet: These are school pages. PTO will not put information in the first day packets, but will send information at a later date. The PTO membership form need only include child and parent's name. PTO membership will include a \$5 Kroger card.

Grants for Teachers: The vice-presidents will put together a form for the teachers to use. This will be presented at the September meeting. Teachers will submit grants by November 1. We will see how the program goes before deciding whether to offer more grants.

Getting Teachers more involved: Teachers will be required to submit a fund form in order to request money or supplies from the PTO. The request can then be considered in the next meeting. In addition we would like to get to know all the teachers better as a PTO board.

The PTO board should think about other year and 2-year goals we would like to have.

Back to School Night

Back to school night is Thurs, August 29, from 4:30 - 6:30 pm. The PTO will sponsor a social on the lawn from 5:00 – 7:00 pm. All board members are expected to wear a fluorescent green bandana and name tag that night and be available to answer questions. Please come early!

Fundraising ideas for 2013

Melody Warnick will head our fund-raising committee. She will co-ordinate with Mr. Mefford and Carly, as well as the restaurant coordinator. She would like to have a defined goal as far as how much we would like to raise and what the money will be used for. The first thought is technology (ipads and laptops). The goal she suggested is \$5000. We discussed incentives (some kind of reward such as a dunk tank or party) if the kids reached the goal. She had two events planned. The first would be simply a fund drive where we ask for donations. The second would be a read-a-thon where family and friends could give money and kids were asked to read.

In addition, Carly would like to pursue getting a grant from the Mont. County School Fund

Calendar for 2013

Meetings are the first Weds. of the month, alternating 4:00 and 6:00 pm.

Football Parking- Sept 7 & Nov. 16th-Margaret Beeks

Monthly Activities: We discussed the following activities:

Back to School in Aug

Fall Festival in Oct.

Roller-Skating in Nov

International Week in Feb

Daddy Daughter Dance in Mar

Mother Son Activity in May

We would like to put dates on the calendar for some of these at our next meeting.