

SMITHTON PTO MEEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 20, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Debbie Benedick at 6:31pm. A motion was made by Paula Farley and seconded by Debbie Dondlinger to accept last month's meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Introduction was made by all who attended.

Treasurer's Report: Nicki Schilling verbally provided balances for the checking account of: a little over 1,300 and saving account balance of : 1,390.88. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Paula Farley and secondend by Debbie Dondlinger. Motion carried.

Correspondence: None

Monetary Requests:

Cougar Care Ladies: Requesting inside games, example..... board games, card games, legos, coloring books. Do no need to be new. Some of the ladies attending will look to see what they have at home.

Mrs. Fox: Requesting a Big Book Cart for her class room. This is \$195 plus shipping and handling. This will be considered once we have more funds.

Mrs. Smith: Requesting twenty copies of "Touching Spirit Bear". These are \$6 a piece and will be considered once we have more funds. She is not needing these until the spring.

Recap of Events:

Basket Stand: Debbie Benedick and Kris Barschak reported on this. Basket stand at homecoming was a success. We ran out of baskets. All money raised from stand goes to Commercial Club.

Upcoming Events:

Raffle: Our "big" fundraiser for the year. Chairpersons Kris Barschak and Debbie Benedick reported on the this. Tickets are \$20 each. 1,000 tickets available to sell. A copy of a ticket will be sent home in the WWE next week. You can sign out up to 5 tickets at a time from Nicki Schilling. First early bird drawing is September 10. Big drawing will be April 16, 2016 at the park in conjunction with the school's 5K. We will sell hamburgers and hotdogs at drawing event. Looking for volunteers to sell tickets before hand at events.. basketball or volleyball games. Projected expenses: \$8,710. Projected Profit: \$12,015.

Magnet Wall: Chairperson Debbie Benedick reported on this project. Students have already started drawing pictures to be turned into magnets. Cost is \$5 per magnet. Our cost is \$4 to have made. Should be completed before the parent teacher conferences in October.

Cougar Campout: Is set for September 25th. Bring your tent and spend the night on the school

playground. Free to anyone who would like to attend. Hotdogs, chips, soda and donuts for breakfast are provided. There will be movies and hay rides provided by Mr. and Mrs. Norton. Krista Sheriff is the chairperson for this event.

Santa's Kottage: December 8th and 9th. Chairpersons Paula Farley and Debbie Dondlinger reported on this event. Pre-Sale with Tribouts will be September 9th and 10th. Paula and Debbie will both be there for shopping. Checking with Tribouts to see if they will doing the dot system again this year. A motion was made by Mandi Nych and seconded by Kris Barschak to give \$400 for shopping. Motion carried.

Carnival: Set for May 25th the last day of school. Trying this new date out this year. If it doesn't work will go back to old date.

Early Release Day Events: Laser tag, bowling and fun spot are all options for early release days. There is still room for one more option. Nancy Ledee will call Lincoln Theater to see if we can set up a movie day. We will decide at that time which event we will have on each early release day.

Barnes and Noble: December 4th-6th in store and 4th - 11th on line. Have the opportunity to earn up to 20% of sales. All purchases count from store and cafe as long as you say you are from Smithton School or have code for online shopping. There will be a Polar Express Reading Friday night the 4th. They will issue us 10 posters to advertise with a winter theme. We can set up a wrapping table, and we can keep all tips. We can personalize one item from cafe such as Cougar Hot Chocolate with white and green sprinkles. Can possibly sell cheese cakes along with this. Will wait to decide on this. Mandi Nych is chairing this event.

New Business:

Playground Equipment: Mrs. Norton would like to add to our existing playground equipment. Pictures were passed around for possible ideas. Prices ranging from \$6,745 (for 1 piece) to \$6,680 (for 4 pieces). This price does not include installation or shipping. May have students vote on what they would like to have. Possibly penny jars- a penny a vote. Motion was made by Debbie Dondlinger to accept playground equipment as our goal for this year, seconded by Sara Morgan Francis. Motion carried.

Playground Painting: Lines on playground and swings are in need of painting. Date set for September 6 at 1:00pm to paint. Jamie Blankenship to check with Ace Hardware on getting paint. Lines are to be yellow. Poles for swings will be green.

Schwan's: Market Day is no longer available. Schwan's will let you order online and items are delivered to your door. First 30-45 days we make 20% next 90 days we make a lesser %, but we can restart process after that. We will start this in October. Debbie Benedick will chair this for now.

Book Fair: Something new this year. Students will be able to bring in money and shop for books during school hours. Book fair will be set up from September 1 - September 4. Jessica Smith is in charge of book fair and is in need of help in 1 hour time slots. Sign up sheet was passed around.

Old Business:

Shade structure is up and looks great.

Meeting adjourned at: 7:40

Minutes submitted by:

Nancy Ledee (PTO secretary)