

Spring Road School PTO Minutes

Sept. 17, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 3:18 p.m.

Attendance

Alanna Smith, Chris Harding, Linda Dums, Michelle McGlin, Karin Chaney, Jessica DeDeker, Karen Martis, Heather Shebesta, Amy Rowe, Lori Marzahl, Katie Jones, Marie Mechimovich, Barrie Nowaczek, Melissa Chrisman, Tricia Knowlton, Helen Flint and Emma Kopitzke

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the May meeting were approved by Alanna Smith and Barrie Nowaczyk

Welcome New Chairs:

Co-president: Linda Dums

Basket Raffle: Christina Harding

Teacher Appreciation: Jenni Oeftger

Giving Tree Stephanie Winkel

Reports:

Principal Report

Ms. Neitzel detailed the upcoming Grandparent's and Retired Friend's Day on Nov. 6, which is an 11:30 dismissal day for end of quarter. Mrs. Nowaczyk and Mrs. Jones are steering the event, which will include time for guests to visit classrooms and be part of teaching time. Volunteers are needed to help with parking and direct guests around the school. There will be no book fair during the event.

Cultural Events: Heather Shebesta

She thanked the PTO for the support of the Tom Pease concert at the last day of school. She said teachers agreed it was a great way to end the year. She hopes he will be available again for this year.

She said there is a photographer who can take pictures of students during the school spring concert. Families would have the option to purchase the pictures.

She also presented an idea of purchasing stools for the music room to replace the risers there.

The cost is \$5 each and she would need about 30. The PTO will look into the request at another time.

Treasurer

Savings balance: \$2,378.72

Checking Balance: \$35,641.51

Deposits over the summer.....

Oshkosh Area Community Foundation Donation for Walking Trail: \$410.96

Spring Road Staff Miscellaneous Donations to Walking Trail: \$1,196.73

Schwan's Fundraiser Refund: \$70.38

Kona Ice Fundraiser: June 3: \$275.00 and Sept. 1: \$103.74

Spring Road Fun Run Account: \$3,738.73 (located in the Spring Road School Account)

There was a point noted to move the money designated to the Walking Trail into Savings to keep accurate tabs.

Also, there was discussion about the need to balance money quarterly from any gift card sales through the school office (like Koeune's gift cards and future Kwik Trip cards, etc.)

Fundraiser: Jessica DeDecker

A Bake Sale will be held Oct. 3 at the Town of Menasha Fire Station on Cold Spring Road.

VolunteerSpot will be set up to seek volunteers.

Eaton's Pizza fundraiser will be held later in November.

Square1 Art Fundraiser will be in the Spring.

Book Fair: Linda Dums

A co-chair is needed!

There is \$227.15 of Scholastic Dollars that will expire. How to use the money: as book giveaways for Caught Reading or used toward prizes if we do a Read-In. Or for prizes for the upcoming Box Tops competition.

Upcoming Book Fair theme is a Monster theme. Book Fair will run during the week of conferences. Volunteers are needed!

Old Business

PTO surveys

There was some discussion about the surveys that went to families last year. The group noted the popular fundraisers. A calendar will be created of the fundraisers for the coming year.

There was also discussion about ordering Kwik Trip gift cards and having those for sale through a flyer distributed to families. Families would pay cash or money order for the cards. Extra cards would be on hand in the school office for purchase.

The survey indicated that the spring social was a popular event. It was not held last year due to lack of a committee. But a group of parents have stepped up to organize a costume ball in November. Details to come.

There was discussion about the Koeune gift cards, which are available for sale in the school office. The current cards will be depleted before more are ordered.

There was discussion about a 50/50 raffle to be held during the school open house.

And there was interest in seeking out restaurant type fundraisers.

Open House

Committee needed.

Kona Ice will be there.

There was a discussion to skip serving food this year. Spirit Wear would be set up. Apparel would be on display to view. CostCo would also be on hand to sell memberships.

Box Tops: Marie Hechimovich and Teri Meylink

Contest starts Sept. 18-Oct. 23. Collection boxes would be placed in classrooms. \$3,200 was raised last year!

PTO needs for 2015-2016:

The PTO is still seeking help! Please consider!! You do not have to do it alone either. And some of the positions are a one time deal and/or require a small commitment. But we need people to help these succeed!

Secretary

Open House

Spring Social

Basket Raffle: need a co-chair

Cultural Events: need a co-chair

These items were tabled for another time:

Discussion

- Scheduling fun activities during the day for the kids and families to enjoy. (STEM, readings, etc)
- Year at a Glance calendar of PTO events
- Texting to parents about PTO events and fundraisers. How to go about this?
- Information Wednesday- send home all PTO information in a folder on Wednesday's. This way parents will know when to expect information.
- Move Fun Run to fall as a fundraiser. Still keep spring fun run as a school event
- School Store: 1 time per month? Sell Sprit Wear all year round, have shirts ready to buy. Sell notebooks, pencils, erasers, etc. Possibly sell Sprit wear on-line (Amy McNulty)

Notable dates

Activity Day- Sept 24th. Volunteer Spot set up already.

Skate night- Sept 24th 5:30-7:30

Room Rep meeting-Sept 30th 6:30-8:00, Helen Flint's house

Bake Sale- Oct 3rd 10-3 Firehouse on Cold Spring Rd

Open House- Oct 8th 5:30-7:30

Walking Track- Jodi Henning, meeting to be scheduled

Notable mentions

Baby gift cards from the PTO to Nicole Shefchik- first child

Schwan's Home Delivery

Open Forum

Meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday Oct. 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the school library.

Want to see something on the agenda? Please send ideas to SpringRoadPTO@gmail.com or attend our next meeting! A copy of the agenda for the next meeting will be available on the PTO Website a few days prior to the meeting.