

The Meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm by Crisan Baker, PTO President.

Attendance

Members/Parents in attendance are as follows: Crisan Baker, President; Keri Creeger, Spirit Wear Coordinator; Crystal Diaz-Upton, Parent Representative; Jeanette Dubesa, Treasurer; Dr. Eister, Principal; Alison Milobar, Media Chair; Janessa Stewart, Secretary; Robin Wilson, Vice President; Heather Williams, Parent; Dale Lovrin, Parent; Tina Warnick, Parent; Sarah Remis, Box Tops/ JAT; Mary Brittain, Pancake Breakfast; Deborah Schanbacher, Grandmother; Jami Ferguson, Parent; Russ Wilson, Parent.

Secretary's Minutes

Janessa Stewart provided October meeting minutes for approval. Robin motioned to approve, Alison seconded. Motion carried.

Financial Report

Jeanette Dubessa presented the financial report for 10/9/17-11/12/17 beginning balance \$8,470.08, ending balance less committed funds -\$2,565.01. Janessa motioned to approve the financial report for October 2017, Robin seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business

October Box Top Challenge –

- Total: 7,863 box tops turned in. Congrats to Ms. Smith's class for collecting 795 and winning popsicle party. Tina Warnick to coordinate party.

Jog-A-Thon-

- Congrats and thank you to Sarah and Joan + volunteers. Very successful event. Record breaking total of sponsorships pledged \$20,156.79 to date!
- Prizes and t-shirts will be handed out on the 17th. Game truck 11/27. Pizza Party TBD.
- Separate room for counting was a great idea. Sandwich bar for all-day volunteers was very well received.
- Maybe have kinder groups on big track next year?
- T-shirts for teachers interested (5 total) in purchasing will be sold to them for \$20. Discuss in May for 2018 JAT re: having t-shirts available for teachers to order.

New Business

Pancake Breakfast –

- Disney tickets: issue with dates being in same year as last time, will see if another way to get them or may have to purchase to raffle off. Looking into other theme parks as well like Lego Land, Universal Studios, etc...
- Rivercats need 9-90 form for donation? Need to see if our existing documentation will suffice.

Audrey DeSoto -

- Requesting classroom enrichment funds from PTO. Janessa motioned to add \$112.50 (to be commiserate with Todd DiCastello's amount) to budget for Audrey DeSoto's enrichment funds. Sarah seconded. Motion carried

Handmade Holiday-

- Budget increase request to \$700 for supplies. \$7 tickets. Pre-registration required. Split into two sections (younger and older kids). Need to purchase paper bags or get donated from a store. Parents hosted in the library again. Alison motions to approve budget of \$700 for HMH. Janessa seconded. Motion carried.

Family Dance night –

- PTO 'give back' night. Looking at Jan 19th from 7-9 pm, "New Year's" theme. Cafeteria can hold 300 people. Student + 1 'VIP adult' guest (as alternative to more traditional Mother / Son, Father/ Daughter type school dances). Will cap event at 200 tickets. \$5 ticket gets refreshments, raffle ticket for prize drawing, and door prize.
- DJ possibly found. Will come up with budget needs in December meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Handmade Holiday Night: December 13th
- January Box Top Challenge: Jan 8th – Jan 31st
- Pancake Breakfast and Silent Auction: Feb. 24th
- McTeacher's Night: April 19th
- May Box Top Challenge: May 1st – May 31st
- Family Movie Night: May 4th *possible Star Wars theme!

Open Discussion

Book Fair –

- Dale Lovrin – thank you for your efforts and thank you to volunteers.
- \$3,200 in books sold approximately. \$1,475 scholastic \$ we received. Donated \$273 worth of books. Most teachers' wish lists fulfilled. Book selection not as good as previous years.

Child predators nearby-

- Topic of Registered S.O.'s living a little too close for comfort to the school was brought up. Discussed various safety measure and protocols the staff and school employ to ensure safety is #1.

Arden Fair "School Cents" Program-

- Janessa Stewart stumbled upon info about Arden Fairs "School Cents" program. In the past we didn't meet the criteria, also during recession so not a lot of spending going on at Arden Fair. Something to look into for future. Janessa to research for next year possibly.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:25 pm by Crisan Baker, President

Next Meeting scheduled for December 11th @ 2:30 pm in the library

Minutes Recorded by

Janessa Stewart

Minutes Submitted by

Janessa Stewart

Secretary, Golden Empire PTO