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Marion Walker Elementary PTO

October 14, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Tara Ripka at 7:05 p.m.

Pledge of allegiance

In attendance

Tonya Januszki, Stacey Slagan, Carrie Moore, Heather Huntsinger, Jackie Wynkoop, Carrie Giornesto, Amanda Fedisson, Patricia-Anne McCarthy, Heather Rimmey, Joy A. Miller, Kim Belcher, Megan Kline Woolsey, Kim Kneas-Hilliker, Sherry Yontosh, Tanya Packer, Wendy Thomas, Holly Williams, Lucas Schellenberg, Jen Dickinson, Danyelle Crouthamel, Andrea Harman, Amanda Grindley, Lashelle Kuhlman, Denise Shivey, Katie Baney, Tara Ripka and Bikem Oskin

New Business

PTO is on Facebook and on the website (basd.net). Katie is updating the website. If something needs to be changed let us know.

Teacher garden – there are benches and bricks. When someone retires the PTO puts their name and dates of retirement on the bricks. PTO has purchased 4 bricks at \$20/brick from Mayes Memorial. \$80 has gone to that. We are caught up now.

Reading Counts Lab is open. We have volunteers for Oct. and Nov. Does anyone want to set up the schedules? Students come into the Library.

Parent Council meeting – Tara went. Talked about clearances. There will only be 2 more board meeting so get clearances in ASAP. They also talked about the Parent Portal. All the kids are on it now. There may be a meeting to discuss the Portal at a later date. Tara will let us know when that is. Parent Council Meetings are held at noon the 1st Friday of the month. If there is anything you want Tara to bring up, let her know.

Volunteer Survey went home today. Jackie Wynkoop is taking that over.

Treasurer's Report

Budget report is changed up a little.

Teacher classroom accounts are at the top.

Fundraiser – Attendance was a little lower this year. We are not loosing anything though.

Holiday store is ramping up.

Gifts and awards was deducted

Let Heather know if there are any changes are needed.

You can submit receipts electronically to her.

Approve – Danielle C.

Seconded – Denise Shivey

Secretary's Report

Approved – Tonya Januszki

Seconded – Wendy Thomas

Committee Reports

Ways and Means – Michelle McConnell

Michelle McConnell started took over. She ordered the pumpkins from Hilltop Farms. K-2 will get them. Kindergarten will take them home. 1st & 2nd will work on a project. They will be delivered on Oct. 23rd. They cost \$1.50/pumpkin and 175 pumpkins were purchased.

Field Day – Kim Belcher, Kim Hillacker and Megan Kline

Kids designing the T-shirts this year. They are working on the guidelines. Next meeting we will have the letter. Ask kids to have the T-shirts after the holiday break.

Fundraising – Cynthia Naspinski

Fundraising is underway. Everything was due this week. We should send out a reminder. People are taking advantage of the \$50 for the fundraising so they can opt out of the fundraising.

Holiday Store – Danyelle Crouthamel & Denise Shivey

More crafting. They have trinket boxes that need to be crafted. A ton of other stuff at home that needs done.

Need to know how many people will be volunteering the day of the event.

Need a new head coordinator for next year. Break it up some more. Have a least 4 people heading up.

Have a holiday store committee to spread out the work more. Having a shopper would be a great idea.

We could get the CPI or High School kids to volunteer. Dec. 11 is the event

Membership – Joy

In the past we made \$2,000. The goal for this year was \$3,000. We are currently at \$2,800. Mrs. DeCusati's class has won the membership contest.

SUNNY D and Book Distribution – Wendy Thomas

Sunny D will be going out the end of this month. We have enough for 10 classes right now, not counting what was sent in today. The first book distribution is in November.

Winter Carnival – Tonya Januski, Bikem Oskin and Kim Hearn

The date for the Carnival is February 26th. Tickets will be available prior to the carnival.

Nothing else to report at this time.

Volunteer Coordinator – Jackie Wynkoop

So far we have received 50 electronic results. Paper forms were sent home today. The electronic forms are very easy. She will send out the results to the committee heads within a week.

Yearbook – Andrea Harman

End of November we will get order forms. She will send out a flyer then to ask people to take pictures.

We still have a few yearbooks from last year. \$18 each.

BOX TOPS – Robin Sweka

The 2nd collection will be on Oct. 26th.

Fall Dance – Robin Sweka

Forms went home and we are getting a good response.

Labels for Education – Kim Belcher

Next month is double point month. She is moving in December and needs someone to take over.

Scripts-Gift Cards –Shelby Hamilton

She will send out forms in November and December. We are trying to get Weis to do it too.

5K/1 mile – Erin Cernuski

It was a beautiful day, but not too many people were there.

Mrs. Yontosh

No school Friday Act 80 day. Teachers will be working on professional development

Focus is safety training

Fire prevention week last week. Walker Township Fire Dept. put on 2 assemblies. One of them brought a stove and talked about how to put out a fire if there was one.

Family Reading Night – Not too much participation from MW. It was held primarily for Title I families at the Middle school. It was a district wide event. Kids got pizza.

We are having a Family Math Night at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 28. Each elementary school will have one. It should not be more than an hour. They will talk about programming, common cores standards for math. It would be worth your time.

Finished up Classroom Diagnostic Tools (CDT) an assessment to let the teaches know where the students are. It is taken 3 times a year. Its based on what the kids are going to learn. Not expected to do well the first time. Results go to the teachers not the students. CDTs are completely new to us. In the elementary level

Halloween Parade is coming up. If weather is bad they will be inside. Students need to be able to get costumes on themselves.

School pictures are coming up on Monday. No spring pictures this year. We will be doing group pictures.

Mrs. Tucker is going to the Middle school. We need an art teacher. She is leaving in early November.

Teacher's Representative

Patty Correll

Thank you to everyone. In November we will have a Veterans Day event. We have an all day event with stations and guest speakers on November 10th.

Christmas Program coming up.

New Business

We collect Tyson A+ Label

My Coke rewards – When you buy Coke products there is a code on the lid. Enter the codes online then donate the points to your School. We need a volunteer.

Wendy's in lock Haven will give us a 10% donation for everyone that goes there on Oct. 25th.

Teachers get \$30 for each class for gifts for classes around the holidays. If you want to help shop let Amanda know. Tara came in with Santa and Mrs. Clause and pass out the gifts. Gifts are for the class as a whole. Tonya will help out.

Lucas Schellenberg (parent) spoke to the group: He is irritated with Common Core. "This is a parent teacher organization. We need to talk about what are kids are learning. Are they leaning math, reading, cursive." His daughter is in 2nd grade. "I don't want to take away from what you do. But what are they learning? We need to genuinely focus on the education."

Next meeting will be November 18th at 7 p.m. at Marion Walker Elementary School Library

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Approved – Robin Sweka

Seconded – Stacey Slagan

Submitted by Bikiem M. Oskin