

Prairie Heights Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes Tuesday 1/13/04
Meeting start time is approximately 6:20 pm

Attending the meeting: Michelle Beisker (PTO President), Cindy Martin & Patrice Matthew (PTO Co-Vice Presidents), Linda Waite (PTO Secretary), Molly Lee (PTO Treasurer), Dave Brauhn (Prairie Heights Principal), Judy Eilers, Julie LeCaptain, Amy Ganske, Becky Showalter, Sondra Smale, Chad Smale, Pam O'Brian, Sheryl Collett, and Margo Grolmus.

Introductions of all attending PTO meeting

Review of last month's minutes:

Judy Eilers motioned to accept last month's minutes

Amy Ganske seconded the motion.

Motion Approved.

Treasures Report: Molly Lee's overview which included today's balance of \$14,282.81 plus playground fund added our balance is \$29,442.52. After all spending is done we will be carrying over about \$7 thousand plus. Dave Brauhn motioned that we use the Cookie Walk money to the Helping Hands then Judy Eilers motioned to also add in the Holiday Shop profit. Linda Waite seconded the motion. Motion was approved. Molly will be transferring \$566.50 to the Helping Hands.

Principal Report: Principal Dave Brauhn No child left behind report will soon be published in the Gazette and Heights will show great stats. All the College Community schools did wonderful. We should be very proud!

Staff Request: No Staff Request

OVERVIEW OF PAST EVENTS:

Holiday Shop: Judy Eilers talked about Holiday Shop and how wonderful it all went. Between the 5th grade help & parent volunteers the evening was awesome. Thanks to everyone and especially to Judy for a well run program.

REVIEW OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

Kindergarten Round-Up: May 3rd is Kindergarten round up and we are in need of volunteers for that day. Linda Waite is checking with Kelly Zbanek on what all was done in the past. She is also emailing Jody Donaldson on if we can get a list of the parent volunteers that signed up for Kindergarten Round Up help.

5th Grade Promotion: Judy Eilers explained what 5th grade promotion & picnic are. PTO will be buying all Heights 5th graders a memory book.

AED Update: Cindy Martin stated that we have 4 AED's, 1 is going to be donated so we have 2 yet to fund. We all discussed our PTO making a donation & an amount was agreed upon.

Amy Ganske motioned that we donate \$250.00 to the AED fund.

Cindy Martin seconded the motion.

Motion approved.

A Possible Spring Fundraiser: Judy Eilers asked if we could do a "Replenish Your Freezer" Fundraiser? Discussion on what the money could go for.

Judy Eilers motioned that we go to the Superintendent to ask for permission to have a "Spring Restock Your Freezer to Finish the Pergola & Any Extra Goes Towards the Playground Fund" fundraiser.

Sheryl Collett seconded the motion.

Motion approved.

Free Lunches for Volunteers: Linda Waite overviewed what she found out about this and Molly Lee will transfer \$200 to start this program. Linda will be contacting Carol Stallman & Jody Donaldson for their assistance with this.

Staff Appreciation: Linda Waite showed a pin around that she would like to give all staff members for Teacher Appreciation Day.

Sickness Concerns: Discussion on if the district does not have anti-bacterial sprays & wipes for the classroom can the PTO supplies these. Dave Brauhn is checking to see what we have & what we can get.

Note From Jody: Michelle Beisker read a note from Jody Donaldson about Heights Volunteer Day on January 23 from 8:30 - 11:30.

Concerns from the Umbrella Meeting: Dave Brauhn talked about the raising of the luxury tax for schools by Governor Vilsack instead of the 5 - 6% allowable growth. Margo Grolmus asked if the district could get some visuals to help the community understand how much this would hurt us. A petition will be posted on the PTO board.

Patrice Matthew will be our PTO bylaws & manual representative.

Cindy Martin will be our representative for Bus Driver Appreciation.

Back to School Packs: Judy Eilers asked if the packs should be looked into for next year. It was agreed that they were a big hit!

Room #'s & door jams for the classrooms: Dave Brauhn was going to look into getting numbers for the rooms and door jams to make it easier for the little ones to open the heavy doors.

Box Top Money: Molly Lee transferred \$604 into our account from box tops.

Michelle Beisker motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Motion seconded.

Motion approved and the meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Next Meeting Scheduled for Tuesday, February 10, 2004.