

Stone Lake Elementary PTO Board Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2014

The October meeting of the Stone Lake PTO was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Lisa Mehl.

Attendance: Jessica Trudell, Lisa Mehl, Kristen Beckner, Christine Fisher-Fernandez, Erica Davis, Yvette Sack, Ashley Wiese, Chodi Houston, Liz Mellinger, Linda Trujillo, Mark Beard, JoAnna Cline, Dreena Freeman, Karin DeArman.

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes:

Minutes for the September 9, 2014 meeting were approved on a motion by Erica Davis and a second by Ashley Wiese.

Treasurer's Report:

- JoAnna Cline reported the following: 1) Coupon Book sales totaled \$11,520.00. PTO will receive 50% of the total sales: approximately \$5,760.00. 2) The library has requested the \$2,000.00 allocation for this school year.

The September budget was approved on a motion by Jessica Trudell and a second by Liz Mellinger.

Reports:

A: 6th Grade Field Trip Buses

- Mark Beard reported that 6th grade will contribute \$1,000.00 towards the \$5,480.00 needed to rent 2 buses. He requested \$4,480.00 from PTO for the remainder of the cost. Two buses will provide transportation for students, staff, and chaperones. An estimated 115 students are going. Any additional money the 6th grade team collects for the buses will go towards the trip/scholarships. Additional money from PTO for scholarships may be needed as the trip approaches.
- JoAnna Cline made a motion to allocate \$4,480.00 for the 6th grade buses for 2014/2015 school year. This motion was seconded by Linda Trujillo. All present members were in favor; no objections.

B: Book Fair

- Lisa Mehl reported that the goal for this year's book fair was \$13,000 and they are currently around \$4,800.00. Lisa reminded teachers to keep up their book wish lists and turn in donation envelopes.

C: PTO Projects: Kinder Shade Structure

- Lisa Mehl shared information about the two vendors who came to the school and gave us quotes on improving the kinder shade structure. She passed around the brochures. Lisa also shared that PTO would like to put the money raised back into improving the school and that any feedback is greatly appreciated on how to do this.
- Mark Beard has requested "wish lists" from grade levels to share at the next staff meeting and will provide feedback to PTO.

D: Membership Drive Contest Winners

- Jessica Trudell reported that the PTO Membership drive ended on October 3rd. The winning classes were Ms. Spaans with 18 and Mr. Pearson with 23. Mr. Pearson's class voted to have a pizza party for their prize and Ms. Spaans class spun the prize wheel and also won a pizza party. PTO raised \$4,500.00 towards the \$5,000.00 goal set at the beginning of the year. Jessica thanked all staff, teachers, and parents for their support during this contest. PTO almost reached 100% teacher participation in membership.

E: Spirit Wear

- Kristen Beckner reported that she, Jasmine Gonzales, and Lisa Mehl will meet soon to place a final order for Spirit Wear. Jasmine and Kristen have worked very hard to fill current orders as well as any outstanding orders, as well as any outstanding orders. General spirit wear questions can be directed to the Spirit Wear chair person via e-mail. Concerns can be directed to PTO President, Lisa Mehl.

Upcoming Events:

A: Ice Cream Social Date

- Lisa Mehl reported that we are currently looking at May 15th, 2015 or June 5th, 2015 for this year's Ice Cream Social. The May 15th date is in between testing windows whereas the June 5th date occurs at the end of another testing window. She asked teachers for their feedback on suggested dates. PTO will need a final date by end of December. More people are requesting June at this time. PTO has not yet recruited a chairperson for this event.

B: Restaurant Night

- Jessica Trudell reported our next Restaurant Night will be at the Old Spaghetti Factory on October 23rd from 4p.m. to 9p.m. and the flyer is required. This will be the last restaurant night this year.
- Jessica Trudell reported that Chevy's raised \$123. A big thank you to all the parents and teachers for their support.

Principal's Report

Mark Beard reported that Walk to School Day was awesome and a great success. He thanked PTO, Teachers, and Mrs. Freeman for all their support. He also reported that intersession is continuing for D track. They are preparing for A track. The district has provided Stone Lake with \$4,000.00 for a GATE program. The funding is based upon enrollment numbers. Ms. Mehas is leading the program. The identification process for GATE students is undergoing revision due to a complaint filed about the current process. Students who have been previously identified will not be affected by the new identification process.

Open Forum

- Kristen Beckner reported that the PTO Board has rescheduled the Bylaw revision to a later date.
- Kristen Beckner inquired about 4th and 5th grade level team's interest in the DBQ (Document-Based Questioning) program. Mrs. Houston offered an overview of the program from a 6th grade perspective. The 6th grade team recently completed training in DBQ. The team is excited about the academic growth it provides to students. PTO is interested in exploring how to support DBQ in other grade levels.
- Mark Beard reported that 5th and 6th grade will soon begin a Mathletes program. Mrs. Houston and Mrs. Moreno will act as advisors for the program this year.
- Erica Davis reported on yearbook. 57 books have been sold. She will send out another reminder to 6th grade parents that dedication ads are due in December. Mrs. Houston and Mrs. DeArman requested electronic copies of yearbook flyers to distribute to parents. The deadline to order books is April. Ashley Wiese suggested that PTO provide flash drives to teachers for sharing cell phone photos to the yearbook chairperson. Erica also reminded everyone that photos taken with a cell phone are accepted as long as they are sent in the highest resolution.
- The next PTO general meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 10th, 2014 @ 6:00p.m. in the Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m. on a motion by Ashley Wiese and a second by JoAnna Cline.