

Stone Lake Elementary PTO General Meeting Minutes
December 9, 2014

The December meeting of the Stone Lake PTO was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Lisa Mehl.

Attendance: Jessica Trudell, Lisa Mehl, JoAnna Cline, Kristen Beckner, Christine Fisher-Fernandez, Sandy Glaeser, Dreena Freeman, Yvette Sack, Angela Moore, Linda Trujillo, Audrey Kagiya, Liz Mellinger.

Approval of General Meeting Minutes:

Minutes for the November 10th, 2014 meeting were approved on a motion by Angela Moore and a second by JoAnna Cline.

Treasurer's Report:

- JoAnna Cline reported the following: 1) Spirit wear money was deposited. 2) Old Spaghetti Factory Restaurant Night money was deposited. 3) Coupon Book funds are more accurate now with a few more invoices being paid.

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

Reports:

A: Spirit Wear Update

- Kristen Beckner reported that the final order for the school year was placed in November. Lisa Mehl and Jasmine Gonzalez have been working hard to complete the final order and fill any outstanding orders. Jasmine distributed orders late last week. Kristen thanked the teachers for their patience and for allowing us to deliver orders to class. A site sale is scheduled for Wednesday after school. B Track orders will also be available for pick up at this time.

B: Yearbook

- Lisa Mehl reported that 6th Grade dedications are due next week.
- Yvette Sack inquired about the deadline for photo submissions. Jessica Trudell will inquire about a date and get back to her.

C: SPARK PE Equipment purchase

- Dreena Freeman reported that Nicolle Spaans submitted to her a wish list from staff for SPARK PE equipment. Included with the wish list was an estimated invoice totaling \$1,515.33. Lisa Mehl and Kristen Beckner inquired if this estimate would provide enough items to replenish the current inventory. Dreena Freeman verified that the list was comprehensive and complete. This purchase would include items that can be used by both primary and intermediate grades.
- Kristen Beckner made a motion to fund the K-6 purchase of SPARK PE equipment for \$1,515.33. This motion was seconded by JoAnna Cline. All present members were in favor; no objections.
- PTO will coordinate with the school secretary, Carla Troutner, to complete the purchase.

D: JoEllen Shanks memorial bench

- Sandy Glaeser proposed the purchase of a memorial bench to honor JoEllen Shanks, a former Stone Lake teacher who recently lost her battle with cancer. Sandy spoke of JoEllen's history with Stone Lake, to include fostering the relationship with the Stone Lake Wildlife Refuge. Sandy would like this bench to come from PTO as a gift in her memory. JoEllen's husband, Bob Shanks, would be willing to help fund the bench. Additionally, Mr. Shanks has committed \$20,000.00 towards the establishment of a scholarship fund in JoEllen's name. Sandy has inquired with the District facilities department for approved vendors from previous installations of memorial benches on campus. Sandy will report back once more information is obtained, including cost and possible placement of the bench.
- Other suggestions made were a tree in her honor with possibly a brick surround. Sandy Glaeser and Nicolle Spaans will meet with Bob and get ideas on what JoEllen would have wanted.

Upcoming Events:

A: Ice Cream Social Date

- Dreena Freeman reported that the majority of staff preferred the June 5th date for the 2015 Ice Cream Social. She also reported that Mr. Beard suggested that PTO alternate the dates between May and June each year, when possible.

B: Restaurant Night: Chick-Fil-A

- Lisa Mehl reported that our next Restaurant Night is scheduled for December 11th from 5-8p.m. at Chick-Fil-A. No Flyer is needed and it is for dine in, take out or drive thru. Due to the extreme weather conditions expected the date of the event, the Chick-Fil-A cow will not be able to make an appearance at the school. Instead, they have offered a free lunch to the class with

the most participation. Suggestions made to track this included turning in your receipt with the students name to the teacher or a drop box in the office.

- Other suggestions for Restaurant Night locations included Cream, Lamppost Pizza, Papa Murphy's, combined Rubio's/Cookie Jar. Audrey Kagiya suggested e-mailing her any additional suggestions. She has reached out to a few of the suggested locations, but some have given no response. Sandy Glaeser suggested to have someone at the restaurant with a drop box for a raffle.

Principal's Report

No report at this time.

Open Forum

- Yvette Sack inquired about the status of the cones and vests for CDI staff. Lisa Mehl reported PTO has not had a chance to meet and discuss this further.
- JoAnna Cline reported that she has e-mailed Carla Troutner about the number of floor mats needed this year for classrooms. Replacement floor mats have not been provided by the District. Dreena Freeman expressed her hope that in the future this would change and would inquire with the maintenance department to get more information. Kristen Beckner volunteered to inquire as well.
- Lisa Mehl reported that Wayne Carr, lead custodian, has asked PTO to purchase a new power washer for the school. This is an item that is used for regular maintenance of school grounds and will be needed in the near future for prepping the Kindergarten picnic tables for fresh paint.
- Kristen Beckner inquired about the new sound system purchased by PTO and how teachers felt it was working during events. Feedback was positive. Lisa Mehl said Skip's music is willing to come to the school and offer training with the equipment. Teachers said they are interested in being trained so they could use the equipment at upcoming events. They suggested training on the same day as a staff meeting. Additionally, PTO will be purchasing protective storage bags the speakers and sound board.
- JoAnna Cline reported that our school office assistant, Cathy Chalmers, is retiring at the end of December. PTO plans to do something for her. Dreena Freeman said that Cathy has requested "no big productions". Dreena Freeman has purchased a signature plate for Cathy from the staff. The office staff may take her out to lunch. B track teachers have offered to cover the office during this time. Kristen Beckner also offered her time. A suggestion was also made that people do something special each day during her last week and to coordinate with Dreena.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m. on a motion by Yvette Sack and a second by Audrey Kagiya.