

6:00 pm, Music Room

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 pm by Tahra Harrell

Attendees-15 members

Board Members in Attendance: Tahra Harrell, Jen Young, Kim Kratzer, Liz Wynn, Matt Hudson, Dave Middlin

Members in Attendance: Jen Bookout, Wendy Brademeyer, Sandy Buczek, Michael Harrell, JaVon Jason, Tom Leone, Catherine Tabor, Trisha Wells, Renee West

Approval of the March meeting's minutes

I. Updates & New Items

- a. Our next family fun event is Zap Zone, Carpenter Rd; Thursday, April 30th from 5:30 – 8:30.
 - i. 3 hours of UNLIMITED Lazer Tag, Bumper Cars & Balladium for only \$20
 - ii. We need volunteers for this event, we will be selling concessions
- b. We are now accepting nominations for new PTO Board Members for the 2015-16 school year
 - i. Positions up for election are Vice President and Secretary for a two year term and Parent Rep for a one year term.
 - ii. Written nomination deadline is April 24th, candidate list will be published @ www.SouthArborPTO.com by May 1st, nominations will be accepted up to and during the May 7th meeting, voting will take place at the May 7th meeting.

II. Treasurer's Report

Bank Balance as of 2/24/15: \$24,553.58

▶ **Withdrawals were --\$ 11,716.35 Deposits were +17,612.42**

Bank Balance as of 3/25/15: \$30,449.65

Total remaining outstanding expenses for 2014/15 budget (committed expenses): \$10,717.46

III. Funding Requests:

****Note: All funding requests were presented first and discussed. They were then voted on separately after all discussion took place.**

- a. Mrs. Bookout is requesting \$2,2661 for 3 Chrome Book storage/charging carts **Approved: 16-1**

Discussion: NHA purchased 90 Chrome Books for South Arbor. Currently we are only able to charge 10 at time, the computers have to be carried individually, and storing them securely is of concern. The carts that Mrs. Bookout would like to purchase hold 30 computers, are lockable, and can charge all 30 computers at once. These carts would also transport all 30 computers at once and would essentially be a mobile computer lab for the school. By purchasing 3 carts we would be providing 3 mobile computer labs for the school. This would allow a teacher to bring the computer lab into the class, testing will eventually be able to be done on these computers and so far the school has enough band width to support the additional computers.

- b. Mrs. Buczek is requesting \$1950.00 for 15 graphing calculators for middle school classrooms
 - i. A motion was made by Matt Hudson to deny the request for \$1950.00. The motion was approved by a show of hands. Matt Hudson then made a motion to request \$2500 for 20 graphing calculators. The motion was approved and voted on. **A funding request for \$2500.00 was approved 15 yes to 1 no**

Discussion: Mrs. Buczek has since researched this more since submitting her funding request. She found she can purchase 10 calculators for \$1250 through a different website. They come in yellow and would help to prevent theft. They are in color and are rechargeable. The current graphing calculators she has are difficult to read because they aren't in color and she continuously has to replace the batteries in them. If she could get two sets of 10 (20 total) she would have a complete classroom set and the calculators would be available to other teachers to use.

- c. **Second grade is requesting \$600 to cover bus cost for a field trip Denied 11-no 5 yes**

This request was presented by Mr. Middlin on behalf of second grade. Second grade has a field trip planned for May to travel to Toledo, Ohio to the Imagination Station Science Museum. The cost will be \$13 per student. If the funding request passes then the cost will only be \$6 per student. The students will go regardless if the vote is passed or denied. The 2nd graders did have one field trip in the fall as well.

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- d. **Mr. McLoone is requesting \$534.00 for PE equipment**
 - i. **There was a motion made to deny the request for \$534.00 and amend the request to \$420.00 by a raise of hands. A funding request for \$420.00 was approved 11 yes 5 no**

Discussion: Each special teacher receives \$400 each school year. Mrs. Willson spent \$390 of that budget in the fall when she was the PE teacher. Mr. McLoone still has \$110 to spend from the PTO so really he needs to request \$420.00.

- e. **Mrs. Bachakes is requesting \$130.00 for a digital balance for Middle School Science**
 - i. **A motion was made by Mrs. Bachackes to deny the request for \$130.00. The motion was approved by a show of hands. Matt Hudson then made a motion to request \$260.00 for 2 electronic balances. The motion was approved and voted on. A funding request for \$260.00 was approved 15 yes to 1 no**

Discussion: South Arbor does have several beam balances and the beam balance is what students are taught to use. However, many times an electronic balance is quicker to use because students don't have to manually zero it out. Electronic balances would allow more time to be spent doing an actual experiment rather than wasting time zeroing a beam balance, when the main purpose of the experiment is not "how to use a beam balance" The electronic balance must measure in grams and go to the tenth place value. The balance would be used throughout middle school science not just her classroom.

- f. **Liz Wynn briefly discussed "free" fundraisers that S.A. families can participate in and that teachers can promote to their student's families. Funds raised by these programs continue to allow the S.A. PTO to grant funding requests.**
 - i. **Kroger Community Rewards, Box Tops, Amazon Smile and Target Take Charge of Education**

- IV. **Adjournment-** The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm by Tahra Harrell, 2nd by Wendy Brademeyer
- V. **Next Meeting-** Thursday, May 7th at 6:00 pm in the Music Room