

Attendees – 19 members

Jennifer Young, Tom Leone, Christine Gilbert, Kim Kratzer, Wendy Brademeyer, David Middlin

Hugo Gayosso, Michael Harrell, Tahra Harrell, Lisa Hennemann, Beth Jodon, Cindy Kumpelis, Kathy Lounsberry, Keri Middaugh, Nicole Ridenour, Catherine Tabor, Stephanie Ward, Amanda Wheaton, Liz Wynn

Review of Minutes

A request for questions & comments on last month's minutes – none.

Green Team – Keri Middaugh

1. Mrs. Morad has been working with students during lunch and after school. They are separating wrappers, putting them in boxes and sending them to TerraCycling.
2. The bottle lids are being turned into a wall mural.
3. There are some Girl Scouts that are planning on making raised garden beds at the school.
4. There has been more "green" awareness put up around the school – signs, etc.
5. A parent is looking into recycling cell phones to recycle on January 17 & 18th. They will collect them during the morning traffic; so you won't even need to get out of your car. They will be donated to Cell Phones for Soldiers.
6. Holiday parties are popping up all over. The green team encourages you to consider a trash-free way to make the classroom parties fun and festive. There is a lot of waste with disposable cups, silverware and individual packaging of treats. Keri would love to take a picture and write a blog spot up about anyone that does a great job being green.

Treasurers Report – Tom Leone

PTO earnings, expenditures, budget

Scrip 195 at the beginning of the year 347 sold 2500 just in December

Funding Requests – *all will be voted on during the meeting*

1. Jennifer Young (on behalf of the library) is requesting \$2,709.00 from the library money made at book fairs to pay for the AR (Advanced Reader) program. This is a one-year subscription. The subscription expired in November – last year we paid for the administration fee and the - **APPROVED (17 yes, 0 no)**

The last book fair was taken mostly funds 1729.19 3421 right now is in the library fund right now.

DISCUSSION: Liz asked to know how to know if the teachers are
Liz asked if students could come in during the summer and take tests.

2. David Middlin is requesting \$185 for the band festival.

Tom said that last year, we targeted \$1,100 for band, do we plan on making that back up with this festival?
Tom mentioned that we take the request out and

3. Jennifer Young is requesting \$115 for the 2013 Spelling Bee registration for Scripp's Spelling Bee. Last year, Kavya was knocked out of the national event in 24th place. It is also really good PR for the school – we were mentioned in several newspapers last year. – APPROVED (16 yes, 2 no)
4. Jennifer Young is requesting \$75 for the 2013 Spelling Bee registration from the charter school association that runs a state-wide bee for Michigan charter schools (MASHA).
4 students get sent to this. Tomorrow is the class bee's. Next week, there is the school-wide spelling bee. The top 2 winners will go on to the State of Michigan. Mrs. Drain is organizing the spelling bee, but the bee's fell through the cracks this year. – APPROVED (15 yes, 1 no)
5. Frances Todoro-Hargraves is requesting \$50 for supplies for the library. Frances was not able to attend, this would be taken out of the library fund – APPROVED (17 yes, 0 no)

Updates & New Items

1. Updates from Christine Gilbert
 - a. Red Wings Assembly....free equipment
Due to our high sales with Little Caesar Pizza Kit's, we were invited to participate in a Red Wings special assembly (the same person owns Little Caesar's and the Red Wings). The Red Wings association came to South Arbor and talked about education, dedication, eating well and exercise. It was a very energetic, interactive assembly; they even gave out Red Wing prizes to students who answered questions correctly. At the end of the assembly, they presented South Arbor with a bunch of floor hockey equipment. We received 2 goal nets, goalie gear x 2 – including pads, gloves and helmets, 24 Red Wings hockey sticks, and lots of balls.
 - b. Little Caesar Pizza Kit's – totals
Grades 6-8 sold pizza kits for their trips (6th grade camp, and 8th grade D.C. trip)
2. Fundraising Team Leader - Stephanie Ward
 - a. Popcorn sales
 - b. Quality control is going to be looked at for this time.
3. 31 bags
 - a. Stephanie said that there are some parents that are willing to
4. Liz mentioned that Achatz pie companies is local and sell frozen pies and they are really good.

Jen Young mentioned that maybe in January we could get a group on interested people in fundraising get together and brainstorm about different ideas.

5. Scrip Team Leader – Beth Jodon
 - a. Updates on conference sales
 - b. Thanks to Liz for helping to cover the shift. Sold about \$400 a night between cash and carry cards and written orders. There are extra cash and carry cards left – they are listed on the website.
 - c. If you bought cards and do not have an envelope, Beth has more.
 - d. You can set up amounts to go to families requests instead of directed to the PTO.
 - e. If you don't want to set up your bank account on the website, Beth will allow people to place their order, pay cash and then use a PTO check.
6. We need interested volunteers to head up a nominating committee for next year's PTO board. Kelly Kmieske is going to lead the committee, but is looking for people to help with it.

Open Floor

This will be a limited time frame.

Spirit wear from Kim.

Lazer Tag – January 17th. Unbelievable price. 3 hours unlimited laser tag,

Closing

Adjourned at 7:27pm.

Jean Day winner: the Middlin family

Teacher \$10 Target gift card winner: Ms. Wagner – thanks to the Ridenour family

Next Meeting

Thursday, January 10, 2012 at 6:00pm

