

- I. Social Time
Meet and greet. Time to meet each other, meet the board, and share ideas.
- II. Official Business - Review of Minutes
A request for questions & comments on last month's minutes.
No comments or questions.
- III. Treasurers Report
PTO earnings, expenditures, budget
 - a. All donations are tax deductible. Tom, the treasurer, provides a letter with our tax exempt number on it upon donations.
- IV. Funding Requests – all will be voted on during the meeting
 - a. Klaycie Browning is requesting \$500 for Food for the Soul. This money would be spent on food, a keynote speaker, supplies and set-up. - APPROVED

DISCUSSION:
Klaycie said that they do a 4-course meal along with entertainment and a keynote speaker. One year, there was a poet from Eastern, one year, a storyteller from downtown Detroit. Roughly there are about 40 people. In previous years, there have been 100 people. Scheduled for 2/22/12 – during Black History Month. Fried chicken, black-eyed peas, etc.

1st Motion: Nancy Davis 2nd Motion: Cindy Kumpelis
- V. Topics & Updates
 - a. An internal audit was done on the treasurer. This is in our procedures to do once a year. Kim Kratzer and Wendy Brademeyer completed the audit and found nothing to be concerned about.
 - b. Fundraising Team Leader...Stephanie Ward has stepped up for this position. Thank you!! She will oversee fundraisers; but not run each fundraiser. The Team Leader is a go-to person for all Leaders of each fundraiser. The Team Leader is also an organizer for the school years fundraisers.

She has done preschool fundraising before there. All fundraising requests can be run by her. Cindy Kumpelis mentioned a wine night at Spotted-Dog in Saline.
 - c. We would like to have an auction this year to raise money for the PTO. Would anyone like to lead this? Does anyone have a venue that can be donated? How about a barn? We are also looking for donated services to bid on. Are there services that you would be willing to donate? Such as...photography, painting, etc.

DISCUSSION:
Stephanie Ward said that she would want to head up some of the fundraisers if she was going to be the team leader.

Dave Middlin spoke about wanting to DJ an auction. Kelly said that it is open to think about right now. We are looking for services to be donated, they are good items to bid on.

Last year, Wendy Thibeault sent out emails for a silent auction. The auction was held in the hall during conferences. We had about 30 items available – gift baskets, services, items, etc.

Wendy said that she would help with the auction this year, but she cannot take the lead. She would even be willing to provide a basket.

- d. Box Top Team Leader – Thank you Lisa Egmon for taking this on. There is a submission deadline of November 1st for the fall. We should get these in.
- e. Kim Kratzer
 - i. Car decals have arrived! Pick yours up when you attend a PTO meeting and become a member!
 - ii. Spirit wear – on it's way

Right now, we got out the house color shirts quickly so that new students could get them. Then, we will have the spirit wear ordered soon. There will be a website link to order them. There will be dress code items as well as hoodie, sweats and other non-dress code items.
 - iii. Teacher's "favorites" will be updated soon – plenty of time before the holidays. Kim is going to update these soon. She will also put a comment about buying gift cards through Scrip on each of the pages. Find this under the Misc. tab on the website.
- f. Green Team – Keri Middaugh will give updates on getting South Arbor to get the Michigan Green School Certificate

Keri and Mrs. Morad chose 10 simple items that they could work on to begin with.

- 1. The school recycles paper.** (Mr. Hill oversees this effort. Thank you, Mr. Hill!)
- 2. The school has a butterfly garden.** (This was completed on Sept 29th, and is awaiting plant ID tags)
- 3. The school recycles cellular phones.** (Student Council is researching security measures and making a collection basket for the Parent Room.)
- 4. The school recycles batteries.** (We just learned that regular batteries are safe to put in the regular trash. It's the rechargeable batteries that should be recycled.)
- 5. The school reuses its magazines and newspapers for other projects.** (The art classes do this already. We're looking for other classes to do this also.)
- 6. The school recycles printer cartridges.** (The entry fee at the Ann Arbor Recycle Center on Ellsworth and Platt has been waived for South Arbor! We are looking for a family to take phones, batteries, and ink cartridges monthly.)
- 7. The school reads books with an environmental theme to elementary students.**(The 7th/1st grade reading buddy system could work for this.)
- 8. The school has adopted an endangered or threatened species and informs others.** (Would

the primary hall be interested in this fun project?)

9. The school has a visit by an animal species show or similar presentation. (We have a fun idea for this for the Intermediate Hall, but are open to other ideas as well!)

10. The school has a Terra Cycling program. (We need to research this and move forward.)

She just applied for 2 separate grants to help fund some recycling programs.

Tom would love to see some shade trees on the playground.

VI. Open Floor

This will be a limited time frame.

Gordon Food Service – is anyone willing to take this on? We do not have anyone to take this on currently. We do have an account set up, but we need to make sure that it is going to the PTO, not the school.

Scrip – Beth Jodon mentioned the Scrip program to the rest of the audience. The next deadline is November 8th; Beth will put an order in.

Liz asked if the PTO could pre-purchase some popular gift cards and then sell them at conferences. She could put in a funding request and the general PTO can vote on it.

Stephanie Ward said that she used to do Scrips in the past and would buy items that have the higher percentages.

Wendy Brademeyer mentioned that Tim Hieres has a flyer for the yearbook this year. It will be ordered online this year. You can customize 2 pages with your own pictures.

Dave Middlin mentioned that the Student Council would like to have a harvest day on October 26th. This will be an outside open gym day, and then there would be snacks, etc. inside. More to come. Mrs. Moberg, Mrs. Morad and Mr. Middlin are organizing this. Christine will add the “Student Council” heading on the website and give those teachers access so they can update it.

VII. Closing

Wendy B motioned to close. Nancy Davis seconded.

VIII. Next Meeting

Thursday, November 8, 2012 at 6:00pm