

Southern Boone PTA

Oct. 2, 2014 Minutes

President Laura Brookshire called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Twenty members attended. She introduced herself and had everyone introduce themselves. PTA received four thank you notes from teachers who appreciated the bags of goodies.

Vice President Heather Ottinger read the National PTA Mission Statement.

The Minutes were sent out earlier and were on the web. Kelly Redford moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Alicia Ozenberger seconded. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Laura Brookshire because Rachel Brown was not able to attend due to flooding. Passport has a total profit of \$7,100.00 so far. She has paid a check out for \$6,570. There is an outstanding check for \$45 that was mailed this week to Passport for late orders. She is waiting for a final invoice from Modern Media Concepts to balance out with. She reported that she sent out five letters for returned checks for Passport Books. The total for returned checks is \$180 so far.

The membership total should be \$970 not \$965. There are 179 individual memberships and three business memberships. Brown received a lot of checks for spirit wear and memberships combined. She thinks she may have missed one when separating out her totals. Brown's statement said she would write a check to the Missouri PTA for \$777.25 for memberships. Our income from memberships so far is a total of \$192.75.

Brown's report stated that she noticed that \$198.13 should go on the line for Staff Appreciation not Learning Garden. This check was from a check that was made out in April. She did not have this check in her outstanding checks, and she will go back and find out why she didn't bring it forward from last year.

Amy Collette made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Kelly Redford seconded. Motion passed.

Committee Update

Learning Garden—Jenny Grabner said classes are rocking and rolling. All of the grades of primary and elementary have been out to the garden. Garden Club has started for third, fourth and fifth grades. The Learning Garden is working on a couple of things with Middle School and High School. They took the Middle School ag club to visit a local farm, and they are working with a 6th grade exploratory class with Grace Schauer. They are studying Chinese cultures so they planted Asian greens. The High School Family and Consumer Science teacher wants to do composting of food waste. The Pumpkin Fest is next weekend. Look in your e-mail for timeslots for volunteers. The Learning Garden Fall workday is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 19. Volunteers are needed to cover all of the things kids planted, and there are strawberries to dig up and flowers to plant. The Columbia Center for Urban Ag is having its Hootenanny 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday. The Learning Garden will have a mini-pumpkin game there. Laura Brookshire said she could send out information to PTA membership. Grabner will send information to her and people can check Facebook, Southern Boone Learning Garden.

Buddy Pack—Laura Brookshire gave an update for Nancy Nickolaus. Angie Logsdon is the co-coordinator for Thursday night loading of the Buddy Packs. Peanut Butter is still being counted from the drive. Louise Martins' Hot Damn, Win a Ham raised \$400.

Box Tops—Laura Brookshire reported for Terra Eavenson who wrote that Box Top coordinators have processed the shipment and have confirmed \$1,800 of the projected \$4,800. A member asked if the Middle School and High School collect Box Tops. Brookshire said yes.

Spirit Wear—Christina Ebenroth is the new chair. She is excited to take over after the Fall Festival Sept. 22. She said she has sold spirit wear at the football games and on-line for a total of \$1,007. There is a new sweatshirt and the new SEC Eagle design. People either love it or hate it. People like the new gray shirt. The polo shirts are selling slowly. She would like to order baseball caps because she is sold out. She has talked with Linda Goetting about designing shiny shirts to sell for basketball season. There was a discussion about bleacher seats. Laura Brookshire said people have asked her about an eagles flag for outdoors. Kelly Redford said decals cannot be seen inside tinted windows, and come off in weather if on outside, which is why we have stickers. A member mentioned that clings for football helmets work well, perhaps PTA could sell them. To order spirit wear, e-mail cebenroth@ashland.k12.mo.us.

Reflections --Kelly Redford said she spoke at all of the schools, and that some students attended her meeting last night. She has had a lot of people sign up to help. It takes a lot of time and energy. Deadline is Nov. 21. There will be a reception Dec. 19 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Boone County National Bank. This year's theme is "The world would be a better place if."

Board of Education update—Kelly Redford said she goes to the school board meetings. The Middle School is working on engagement with students. She said 100 kids participate in sports at the Middle School. Dale VanDeven reported to the School Board that the Athletic Facility was paid for by boosters, but the District bought the new equipment. The Primary School does literary assessments early in the year, and 239 kids participated in the book swap. Target provided a grant. There is a Buddy Bench—a student who is lonely sits at the bench and someone will come and play with them. Special Ed is starting gifted id. Funding has doubled to SPED. Several high school teachers received grants. Redford said the School Board discussed the demolition that was supposed to be done.

Teacher Appreciation—Jamie Nelson was not able to attend. Brookshire read her report. Welcome back teacher gifts were delivered Sept. 11 and 12 (a back to school essentials kit with Kleenex, bottle of water, pack of gum, notebook, pen and crackers). The cost was \$331.29. There are 155 teachers this school year. Dinner will be provided at the teacher conferences. Christmas gifts will be given. A few of the people who signed up to help with teacher appreciation have responded to her e-mail.

Three Funding Requests

Middle School Science Department—Brookshire read the request for three Compact Electronic Balances (\$105 each); four Hot Plates at \$164.50 each and stopwatches at \$10 each. These new tools would allow the science department to broaden the science learning experience for all of our students and will be shared among all three grades at the Middle School. The request is for \$1,500. Kelly Redford

said she would like to have asked Chris Gares a question. She would like to know why. Jenny Grabner said they are chronically underfunded. Redford said she knows the athletic facility came about kind of quickly. The district pledged \$60,000 to outfit the facility. Grabner said those were capital funds. She did not think they can switch funds by state statute. Alicia Ozenberger said we are here to advocate for the children. Brookshire said people should direct the questions to District Superintendent Chris Felmler. Brenda Haynes said these are things that will last for awhile for 300 kids a year.

Amy Collette made the motion to fund the Middle School Science Department \$1,500 request, seconded by Heather Ottinger. Amanda Brown said that as a new member this is why PTA exists. Motion passed.

Preschool Classes – Brookshire read the request for funding for a field trip to Fischer’s Pumpkin Patch in Jefferson City. The teachers could not come because they had a parent meeting tonight. Pre-K students will explore the world around them through various hands-on experiences provided to them at the pumpkin patch. Brookshire said PTA can choose to fund all, part or none of the request. Cost is \$6 per person for 50 people for a total of \$300.

Jenny Grabner made a motion to approve the \$300 funding request. Brenda Haynes seconded. Motion passed. Jennifer McKee suggested using local pumpkin patch Lloyd’s Pumpkin Patch in the future.

Southern Boone YMCA request for \$2,000—Lonna Trammell said they have been working on raising money for a couple of years. This past summer the YMCA had a day camp. Now it has a Silver Sneakers program. She said they expected 20 people and had 60 show up. They now have 62 people enrolled. She said they did in a day what took Jeff City six years to build up to. She said YMCA has been working with Chris Felmler to work on an afterschool program. YMCA is trying to raise \$500,000, and has raised \$220,000 as of yesterday’s campaign. The money is needed for facility rental, program, teacher, and staff to prove to the national YMCA that our community will support it. The deadline is Nov. 1 of this year. Jenny Grabner said that in January The YMCA will offer a staff wellness program. Jennifer McKee said if we do not make the goal in November, having a YMCA in Ashland is off. Money that has been received will be returned. YMCA has several things in the works. The City of Ashland may approve a pledge of \$10,000 a year for the next five years. YMCA wants to know if we as a community are willing to invest in this-- if we can get to \$300,000. Grabner said when YMCA originally sent the request to PTA, we requested a \$2,000 donation annually for five years for a total of \$10,000 over a period of five years. Laura Redfield-Jacobs found out from state PTA we cannot force future officers to pay for this. Grabner said we will not collect money until we have enough in pledges. She read the benefits that donors at that Founder level would get. PTA could raffle the three discounted memberships. Brookshire said that bigger requests get the name of PTA out there and have a big impact on students. The group reviewed the PTA Mission statement and discussed the budget. Does the \$18,000 include what you have allocated? Or is that free money. Alicia Ozenberger said this is a big enough request—and she knows we sent out “come to the meeting” notice, but she said she thinks we need a vote from everyone--this is beyond this small group of people. Brittany Sones said no child is turned away. There is a fee, but there are scholarships. Everything is fairly affordable. Heather Ottinger said PTA is meant to meet the needs of children. She liked that there is an option to help kids who cannot afford it. Laura Redfield-Jacobs asked

if they will send scholarship applications home in Buddy Packs. Laura Brookshire asked if anyone wanted PTA to be a Founder. Alicia Ozenberger said she thinks if we are going to get close to \$5,000 we need the whole membership to vote. Grabner said YMCA can earmark the PTA funds for the two school programs.

Alicia Ozenberger made a motion to approve the YMCA fund request at \$2,000 with the earmarks that would be for the Youth Enrichment Program and the Staff Wellness program. Amy Collette seconded.

Discussion: Brittany Sones said YMCA will partner with the A+ mentors. Jenny Grabner said the Learning Garden will partner with YMCA and the Southern Boone Library will partner with the YMCA. Kelly Redford said \$5,000 level would be OK. Heather Ottinger said she is not opposed to this, but concerned about the amount in our Budget. Amy Collette said PTA has \$17,000 in carryover. Karen Hess asked if PTA will get more big requests. Lonna Trammell said she did not want the PTA to think we are being greedy by asking for \$5,000. She said YMCA hired three high school kids to help at the camp this summer. It really can get everyone involved. If and when we have a pool it will reach everyone involved. Grabner said PTA has been supportive of the Learning Garden, and she thinks the YMCA has the potential to do that 100 fold. It would speak a lot about the partnership attitude of the community.

Redfield-Jacobs reminded the group that there was a motion on the floor that had been seconded. Vote. Defeated (7 to 10).

Kelly Redford made a motion to support the YMCA request at \$5,000 with no stipulations. Jennifer McKee seconded. Motion carried.

Budget. Laura Brookshire said the group needs to vote on the budget that she submitted. Discussion.

Jennifer McKee made a motion to accept the Budget as presented. Brittney Sones seconded. Motion passed.

Brookshire requested people join the nomination committee. Brenda Haynes said she might represent PTA at the Missouri PTA convention. Oct. 18.

Adjourn 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Laura Redfield-Jacobs