

Southern Boone PTA DRAFT

Feb. 5, 2015 MINUTES

President Laura Brookshire called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Sixteen members attended the meeting, which was at the High School. Everyone introduced themselves. The Southern Boone Drumline performed for PTA as a thank you for the new drums.

The January meeting minutes had been e-mailed to everyone before the February meeting. **Karen Hess made a motion to approve the Minutes as written, seconded by Heather Ottinger. Motion carried.**

Carnival Update: Tara Eppy discussed the Carnival. The date has been changed. It may be the second or third weekend in April. It will be conducted at the High School. There will be a Silent Auction and desert sale again. There will be class baskets like last year and the teacher paper bags (raffle where you can put a ticket in a teacher's paper bag to have a chance to win a special time with the teacher). We are looking at doing Laser Tag again. We tossed around theme ideas and there will be a "Kiss a" whatever. Food trucks outside again—it went over well last year. The next planning meeting is Monday Feb. 16 at the public library at 6 p.m. The high school musicals changed their weekend, which caused the need to change the Carnival date. April 18 is the citywide garage sale so we want to avoid that. Eppy discussed different times (1 p.m. to 5 p.m.). Last year, admission was \$4 per kid, \$1 for an adult but no family pays more than \$10. She had five or six people come to the last planning meeting. Miss Schaffer will have a High School and Middle School art show during the carnival. Heather Ottinger said maybe we could combine the Carnival with a science fair to bring in older kids. Maybe PTA could give small prize to science fair winners. They discussed doing a decathlon—do 10 sports. People usually come for two hours. Miss Schaffer will do face painting. Turkey season is April 11 and 12. Mr. Marjamaa had said Band Booster parents and kids will help. Maybe have jazz band or drumline play. In March Boy Scouts are doing a STEM event in Columbia. Tara will contact the person who sets it up for the Cub Scouts. Safire Ortbals suggested having games and science to appeal to as many people as possible. Brookshire—the commons are pretty big. Eppy suggested maybe having the silent auction in the library. Shoot her an e-mail if you have any ideas. Ortbals suggested we have a combination of things—find your style year. Maybe have balloon rides if the weather cooperates--\$5 a ticket to go up and down (balloon rides for only one hour of the Carnival). Contact Eppy at Teebethroberts @yahoo.com or tara.eppy@courts.mo.gov. The Carnival budget is \$500. We are looking at an incentive for the school with the highest percentage of teacher volunteers—a breakfast.

Nomination Committee: Amy Collette listed the open positions. We have had a few people volunteer. If you are interested or know someone who is, please let her know. We will present candidates in March. Her e-mail is apcollette@gmail.com or send to PTA e-mail. Ortbals suggested putting a half sheet in Friday folders asking for volunteers, and list some of the benefits of PTA.

Treasurer's Report—Rachel Brown said PTA paid the marching band request for \$3,518.32. There was a Spirit wear deposit for \$741. The month end balance of \$21,000 does not reflect the \$7,020.50 for Wish List; \$1,500 for science department approved request; \$5,000 for scholarship; \$725 for Love and Logic; or the \$3,521 for Primary reading. The balance is \$4,124. Jenny Grabner asked about how we can show

committed dollars. Amy Collette suggested a note at the bottom so you can see what has been committed but not yet paid. Brown brought an eScripts card in to show people. It can be for any purchase at Schnucks. It has to be scanned before you do your order.

Fundraiser: Laura Brookshire said that at the January meeting we discussed having a fundraiser without having to do sales, delivery, etc. A letter has been drafted and sent out for review. The letter is here for you to review. She contacted Brian Kirmse to see how much it would cost to print it in color. It would go out in Friday folders. The letter will have a red border and eagle. The back has PTA fun facts and a tear off to sign and send back. Every student in the district = 1,600 kids. Middle School and High School give notes to kids in Advisory. It could be sent to High School and Middle School via e-mail rather than paper. Kirmse's quote was \$320 for one option or \$250 for a second option (with fewer colors). Brookshire suggested maybe we should do class competition for the number of kids who bring something back in? Other suggestions of kids bring in a \$1 to wear crazy hat or something. Ortbals suggested some sort of prize—people mentioned the duck prize kids were crazy for that took a \$10 donation. Some people suggested using a PayPal account. Kim VanDeven suggested setting up something with Boone County National Bank. Ortbals said PTA use a neon color paper to catch eyes more (rather than colors schools usually use). She said PTA could bring in its own neon paper, and could print it at the school for free (in black and white). Eppy asked if there has been any thought to send a letter to businesses or the Chamber of Commerce? Then we could do a thank you ad in the newspaper. Brookshire asked if anyone is willing to look into the PayPal option. Eppy asked if PTA can have Gold Star PTA sponsors for large donations. We could ask businesses if they will fund a scholarship. A new member suggested that for \$50 a year a business could get its logo on everything PTA e-mails out, and PTA would put out the business' fliers at every PTA event. PTA could send a letter to every business in town. There are a lot of people who work outside of Ashland. PTA needs to ask for money early in the budget cycle to fit in businesses' budgets. Brookshire will do paper donation requests at Primary and Elementary, and send an e-mail to Middle School and High School families. Eppy suggested that PTA set up a table at Cold Winter's Night, etc., and have fliers on the table with Spirit Wear. Brookshire said that is great but we need more volunteers. Ortbals said the next meeting is during Teacher Conference Week and the school library may not be available. Conferences do end at 7 p.m. that night. One lady suggested that PTA offer teachers an incentive to come to five PTA meetings and get \$25 to spend for their class. Ortbals said it was reasonable to only grant Wish List requests to teachers who are PTA members. Teachers have many commitments and may not be able to make meetings but can sign up. When PTA had a competition between schools to get teachers to sign up as PTA members for a luncheon—it pushed people to participate.

Policies and Procedures: Laura Redfield-Jacobs read the proposed Policies and Procedure. Suggestions were made and noted on the draft (which will be included in the Secretary's binder). **Amy Collette made a motion to approve the Policies and Procedures as amended. Jenny Grabner seconded. Motion carried.**

Amy Collette moved to adjourn at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Redfield-Jacobs, Secretary