

Southern Boone PTA

Sept. 4, 2014 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Laura Brookshire at 7:03 p.m. who began with a welcome and introduction of officers. Forty-four members attended.

Vice President Heather Ottinger read the Mission Statement.

Everyone introduced themselves.

Secretary Laura Redfield-Jacobs read the May 2014 Minutes. Kelly Redford made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections stated. Alicia Ozenberger seconded. Vote approved.

Treasurer Rachel Brown gave the Treasurer's report. She said we have outstanding checks of \$219. The beginning balance for this school year is \$17,496. The current balance as of today is \$17,585.62 including \$10,500 in reserves. Meal Stackers gave PTA \$1,445. Passport sales just ended and figures are not available. Kelly Redford and Robin Shaon thought the group had voted at a previous meeting to add a provision to the Bylaws to have a lower reserve of \$4,500. Secretary Laura Redfield-Jacobs gave the current State-approved bylaws to them for review. No such provision was found.

Beginning of Year Update

Learning Garden—Executive Director Jenny Grabner said the Learning Garden started many years ago under the wing of PTA. Now it is a non-profit with five employees and contractors. She is full time. Kelly Redford and Amy Collette are part-time contractors and there are two AmeriCorp members. Laura Redfield-Jacobs is the new Chair. The Garden has many wonderful volunteers. The Learning Garden provides classes to pre-k through 5th grade students. Grabner will send schedules to parents in the next couple of weeks. Parents are always welcome. The deadline for Garden Club is tomorrow. There also is an after school cooking club for seventh and eighth graders, the deadline is tomorrow. The Learning Garden delivered seven gallons of green beans to the Elementary School kitchen. Lucky's Market donated \$2,204.78 recently and a couple of months earlier Lucky's donated \$1,100 from Café Tips. Volunteers are needed to help with the booth at the Fall Fest and Pumpkin Fest.

Buddy Pack--Nancy Nickolaus is in charge of the program. Kids who are identified as needing food on the weekend are given kid-friendly food (cereal, juice, healthy snacks). She sent around a handout of frequently asked questions. The Buddy Pack room is located in the High School Media Room. Packs are loaded each week by National Honor Society students. Last year 30 packs were filled. This year we have 41 families. In Ashland, the Buddy Pack program is 100% supported by the community, not by the Food Bank. The Food Bank has schools and students on waiting lists, so we have supported it for seven years. The balance is \$11,000+. There are two fundraisers right now. Girl Scout Emmaleigh Clark is doing her third annual Peanut Butter Drive. Last year she raised more than 300 jars of peanut butter, which was enough for half a year. Louise Martin has been a strong supporter of Buddy Back. She donated a Boone County Ham for a raffle. *Hot Damn, Win a Ham* raffle tickets are \$1 per ticket or six tickets for \$5. Thank

you to volunteers who have signed up. More volunteers are needed and a co-chair is needed to help load every other Thursday. Nancy Nickolaus thanked Rachel Brown for her help.

Moser Receipts/Box Tops--Terra Eavenson said Moser's has asked that PTA save receipts until the donation amount reaches \$1,000 (Moser's donates ½ of a percent per receipt not counting certain items). Eavenson said PTA can expect \$4,800 in December from Box Tops even if no more are submitted.

Reflections-- Kelly Redford said Reflections gives students the opportunity to do art. This year's theme is "The World Would Be a Better Place if." Students can do any type of art. There are usually 15 to 35 students who participate each year. Amy Collette's son placed second in the state in film production last year. The deadline for entries is Nov. 21. Projects are judged on interpretation of the theme. The top three scores in each category go to state. There will be a reception for the entrants Dec. 19. Volunteers are needed to collect art from the school offices, capture data from entry forms, photograph appropriate art, make signs, public speaking, reception set up. Certificates and ribbons will be given to every participant, and cash rewards will be given for top entries.

Scholarships—Laura Brookshire said the proposed budget is to provide five \$1,000 scholarships to eligible seniors. A committee will help read and score submissions—volunteers are needed.

Spirit Wear--Alicia Ozenberger said there are four new items including a big headband with an eagle on it and a polo for men and women with an eagle on it. She is looking in to stadium seats. Question from the floor: Can we order from the web site? Ozenberger said no, but she will be taking orders. Kelly Redford said PTA could take orders on-line if we sent it to Karen. Ozenberger said she will look in to it. PTA is using local company DW Designs (Dusty Weter). She said people can e-mail SOBOCO PTA to order a shirt. Ozenberger said the only concern is how to get orders to people. Robin Shaon said Ozenberger could e-mail the images to her of Spirit Wear and she will put it on FaceBook. Laura Brookshire said last season's spirit wear will be on sale after the meeting.

Teacher Appreciation—Laura Brookshire said Jamie Nelson will chair Teacher Appreciation. Brookshire said things will start to happen soon, but it will not be monthly. Safire Ortvals said teachers appreciate everything, but do not expect something every month.

New Business

The Diversity Club/Star Team--Laura Brookshire said the Diversity Club/Star Team made a \$150 request that was time sensitive so officers got together and decided to fund the request.

Class Room Life Saving Supplies Request—Brookshire said this was on the agenda but the requestors could not attend. It will be on the October agenda.

Field Trip Request--Kindergarten Teacher Safire Ortvals requested \$516 to send 119 students and 10 adults on a field trip to the Pumpkin Patch. Cost is \$4 per person. Students will learn about the plant life cycle, have a hayride and enjoy a morning of hands-on learning. Rachel Brown said the PTA funded this trip last year. Julie Sexton moved to fund the request, seconded by Heather Ottinger, vote approved.

Band Request--Band Director Andrew Marjarma said the High School marching band will march in the Chicago Thanksgiving Day parade, which will be televised. Southern Boone is the only Missouri school attending. The band will travel to Chicago, perform, go to museums, and see the Blue Man group. The Band needs assistance to buy t-shirts for students so chaperones can identify them easily on the trip. Marjarma requested \$600 for 50 shirts, which will be made locally. Alicia Ozenberger made a motion to fund the request, seconded by Jenny Grabner, motion passed.

Grabner asked how many kids cannot go on the trip due to funding. Marjarma said the Band Boosters are trying to make sure that no student is left behind who wants to go. He said there are nine or 10 students who are in need of scholarships. He said there will be a Music Trivia Night Sept. 13 at the High School, doors open at 6 p.m. The cost is \$120 per table of 8 or \$15 per person. Dinner will be a build your own burger bar. Denean Bossert made a motion for the PTA to fund a table at the Band's Trivia night, seconded by Nancy Nickolaus. Motion passed. Jenny Grabner and Terra Eavenson volunteered to sit at the PTA table. There is room for six more people. Nancy Nickolaus said the Southern Boone PTA will be a gold sponsor for the Band and will be on the wall of sponsors and be listed on the back of the t-shirts. She said Hilary Scott will perform Oct. 3—PTA will get two tickets for that.

Budget Proposal/Fundraising—Laura Brookshire handed out a proposed budget for review. She said we do not have final figures from the Passport fundraiser, and Box Tops money will be higher than what is on the sheet. New funding requests may come in throughout the year. She said the group is looking at other fundraisers for spring because there was some dissatisfaction with the Shakespear's fundraiser last year. Pizzas cost \$12 each. Rachel Brown said we sold 1,181 pizzas, but how many were sold in cost to income was lower. Brookshire suggested doing the Meal Stacker earlier. Meal Stacker is a \$25 deck of coupon cards that are made by the same people who do the Passport book. Brookshire asked everyone to take the proposed budget home, look at it and be ready to vote on it in October.

Question from the floor—Stacey Smith said she did not know what the committees listed on the membership form were. She suggested that a brief description of each committee be put on the back of the membership form.

Missouri PTA Convention—Laura Redfield-Jacobs said the Southern Boone PTA can send up to four delegates to the Missouri PTA Convention Oct. 17-19. Registration is \$180 per person, paid for by the Southern Boone PTA. Anyone who is interested should speak to an officer after the meeting.

Fund Request—Brookshire said people must fill out the new form, which will be available at each school. The form is required to be considered.

Kelly Redford moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Seconded , approved.

Room Parent Meeting followed.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Laura Redfield-Jacobs