

Southern Boone PTA

DRAFT April 2, 2015 Meeting

President Laura Brookshire called the meeting to order at 7:01p.m. Twelve members attended the meeting at the Elementary School. It is the night before a three-day Easter weekend.

Heather Ottinger read the PTA Mission Statement.

The March Minutes were sent out before the meeting. Amy Collette moved to approve the Minutes as amended. Dawn Sapp seconded. Motion carried.

Carnival: Tara Eppy has another meeting to go to after this one, so this has been moved up on the agenda. Eppy reported that Box Tops are coming in for the Kiss the Whatever Contest. There will be three kissers. The animal may be a donkey. We have not had many volunteer forms turned in. She hopes it comes together. She will talk to Band Boosters and other high school student organizations. We will have laser tag. We are doing a super hero theme. Cost is \$5 per kid, \$1 per adult, no more than \$15 per family. There will be other games, face painting, Reflections Art Show and a school district art show. Not many businesses have donated items for the baskets. Eppy said that Robin Shaon will follow up. There are some cash donations from businesses for laser tag. We asked food trucks to make a \$20 donation to come and set up. They have not been receptive. They also do not want to donate a portion of their proceeds. Eppy will request if they will at least donate a meal ticket to put in the baskets. She has zero response from school organizations to raise money via concessions. Laura Brookshire proposed having teachers send the e-mail for volunteers as opposed to the head room parents (some do not do much for their class). Brookshire said she could comprise an e-mail and send it to teachers to send to their classes. Brenda Haynes volunteered to contact the room parents. Twenty-five teachers have signed up via Sign-Up Genius for the teacher raffle. Since no grade responded with what theme basket they wanted to do, grade levels were assigned themes. Robin Shaon is doing gift baskets and desserts.

Treasurer's Report: Rachel Brown reported that for March we had total donations from the letter campaign of \$4,525, up \$310 from when the sheet was printed. The non-labeled deposit went in to donations. She said eScripts had a credit of \$2.45. Brown asked attendees to refer to page 2 of the handout under teacher appreciation. She said \$391.58 went to Jamie Nelson to cover meals for Parent Teacher conferences. Wish List items—3rd grade request for iTunes came out of Wish List approved amount. The \$65 in postage/supplies includes 100 stamps for Carnival donation letters and a book of stamps for the treasurer. We have an outstanding invoice for Spirit Wear.

Thirty-seven families signed up for Love and Logic, and the coordinators gave the money for the books to PTA to deposit in April. The coordinators said people have been engaged. FFA childcare has been great. They may try to do the program every year or every other year. Amy Collette corrected the bottom of page 2 of handout. Instead of \$21,890.50 it should be \$4,510. The Wish List unpaid amount needs to be adjusted down for that \$223.76 paid in March. It was also noted that the budget column

had been changed in error and needed to reflect the budget approved by the membership. Brown will make those corrections.

Amy Collette made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as amended with the exception of the budget column which needs to be corrected. Jenny Grabner seconded. Motion carried.

Nomination Committee: Amy Collette said that the committee has struggled this year. We have a slate of President Dawn Sapp; President-Elect Brenda Haynes; no Treasurer; Vice President of Middle School and High School Brittany Sones; Julie Sexten has stepped down as Vice President of Primary and Elementary. We have some people who may be interested in finishing the second year of her term. Brookshire explained the duties of that position and Redfield-Jacobs read the description from the bylaws. Brookshire said PTA needs to promote the wonderful things it sponsors. This position would help promote the good deeds. Dana Payne volunteered to be the Vice President of Primary and Elementary. **Heather Ottinger made a motion to nominate Amy Collette as Treasurer. Redfield-Jacobs seconded. Motion carried.**

Collette made a motion (on behalf of the nominating committee) for Dawn Sapp for the office of president. Ottinger seconded. Motion carried.

Collette made a motion (on behalf of the nominating committee) for Brenda Haynes, for president-elect. Seconded by Jenny Grabner. Motion carried.

Collette made a motion (on behalf of the nominating committee) for Brittney Sones to be the Vice President of Middle School and High School. Ottinger seconded. Motion carried.

Collette made a motion (on behalf of the nominating committee) for Dana Payne for Vice President of Primary and Elementary to complete Julie Sexten's term. Kari Amelunke seconded. Motion carried.

Learning Garden: Brookshire said her daughter Jessica had a great time in Garden Club. Jenny Grabner, Executive Director of the Learning Garden, said there are 33 kids in Garden Club. They had to turn four students away who turned their application in late because the group was at capacity. Cooking Club started today with Mark Zacher leading it again. Thirteen kids are in Cooking Club this semester (there were 22 applications) all are sixth graders. Last year Cooking Club had eight kids. The Club is using the High School's kitchen classroom. This will be a better set up. School-day classes are going well. Cool season salad groups were planted in trays in the greenhouse with Rebecca Hammett. They will be planted in the ground next week. In May we will harvest them and put them on the salad bar. We need people to volunteer who have ideas on how to sustain the Learning Garden after the grant ends. The fundraiser Dine in the Dirt date changed to May 30. We are partnering with OPAA! The Missouri Beef Council is underwriting the flank steak. Dinner will include local cheese, mushrooms, salad from the garden, and homemade desserts. Dinner is a suggested \$20 donation per adult, \$10 per kid, but \$50 cap per family. She hopes for 120 people this year--100 attended last year. Information is on FaceBook. Please RSVP. The rain date is Sunday May 31. Arrive at 5 p.m. There will be a plant sale in a couple of weeks. April 16 is big day with the Chamber of Commerce.

Reflections Update: Brookshire read the report from Kelly Redford. First place winners will be recognized April 18 at the state conference. Anyone can view winners at Mopta.org. Southern Boone students include Tamatha Duncan, dance choreography; film production, Olivia Clark; Heather Dougan 2nd Place high school; Elizabeth Hess 3rd place Intermediate; Hunter Dougan, photography; Heather Dougan, photography; honorable mention Caitlin Bach, primary. All will be recognized at their school. Next year's theme will be "Let your imagination fly." Sapp said Redford plans to step down as chair for Reflections. She has done it for six years.

Scholarship Committee: Jenny Grabner said PTA's original budget was for eight scholarships (two \$1,000 and six \$500), but only six students applied and only one qualified. Grabner said Chair Kelly Redford asked for input from the Scholarship Committee. There was a lot of conversation back and forth. Redford communicated with High School principal Dale VanDeven to reopen the application process and encourage people to enter. The Scholarship Committee had a lot of discussion and it went to officers. Officers decided to award the scholarship to the one student who qualified and NOT to reopen the process. Heather Ottinger discussed the reason for the officers' decision. Brookshire discussed the officers' decision as well. She said the officers were contacted over spring break by the scholarship committee to make a decision. The officers run the business of PTA. Brookshire contacted the other officers for their input because the committee requested we make a decision. Redfield-Jacobs said it was proposed to re-open the scholarship application process over spring break and only give students three school days to apply, which she did not think was fair because it was not enough time. Ottinger said all other scholarships would throw you out if you do not meet the requirements. Grabner was passionate that PTA award all of the scholarship money. Collette said we gave the money to the one student who applied on time and qualified. Collette would like to award the remaining scholarships without requiring membership. Redfield-Jacobs said the scholarship committee came up with the requirements. Grabner said she disagrees with the membership requirement (that at least one parent be a PTA member). She said kids do not know if their parent is a PTA member and some parents may not realize that they forgot to renew their membership.

Amy Collette made a motion to use the remaining \$4,000 in scholarships, and that we re-post seven scholarships and remove the membership requirement. Dawn Sapp seconded. Discussion. Collette said she checked with the High School and the April 3 deadline was for the names to be in the program. She will check with the High School counselor to see if two weeks is enough time for students to apply. **Dawn Sapp made an amendment to the motion to give eight \$500 scholarships . (Note the one person who did qualify originally gets the original \$1,000).** Discussion. **Motion carried with two opposed.** Redfield-Jacobs said she was opposed to removing the membership requirement. She said paying \$5 for a membership is not a burden. Grabner will proceed and contact the school counselor.

Amy Collette moved to adjourn. Dawn Sapp seconded. Adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Laura Redfield-Jacobs, Secretary