

Southern Boone PTA
Dec. 3, 2015 APPROVED Minutes

President Dawn Sapp called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. Ten people attended. Everyone introduced themselves.

Sapp read the PTA Mission Statement.

Secretary Laura Redfield-Jacobs gave attendees a chance to review the November meeting minutes. The minutes had been sent out prior to the meeting via email and posted on the PTA web page. **Amy Collette made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Nancy Nickolaus seconded. Motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report: Amy Collette presented the Treasurer's Report. She said that we raised \$3,655 from the fundraiser by the end of November as well as \$205 that came in in the last few days. We had budgeted to raise \$5,000. We received about \$2,400 in checks and cash and 16 families used Paypal to donate about \$1,300. Members suggested we make the Paypal payment option larger so it is easier to see in future letters. Members also suggested putting the Paypal option on the PTA web page if OK with the school. A member mentioned that the 2014/2015 PTA officers were still on the PTA web page.

Collette said she expects the check from Box Tops will come in December. She said \$540 worth of Mosers Receipts will be turned in. She expects total revenue to date to be \$7,000. We budgeted to have revenue of \$12,000 for the year. We have not had the Carnival yet.

Expenses were for teacher appreciation. **Nancy Nickolaus made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as written. Jennifer Fischer-Bryant seconded, motion carried.**

Jennifer Grabner asked about the Fund Requests. The only Fund Request presented in November was for the Reflections Scholarship. The next time Fund Requests can be considered is April. PTA officers will attend the school staff meeting in February and let staff know requests must be turned in no later than two weeks before the April PTA meeting. Deborah Connor was not present to report on the Wish List or Teacher Appreciation.

Buddy Pack: Nancy Nickolaus reported that the Buddy Pack account balance is \$9615.50. Some of the extra money is used so families can buy milk, peanut butter, cereal, bread and eggs during the summer. Buddy Packs are given to 16 primary students, 19 elementary students, as well as a middle school family and two high school families. The numbers fluctuate as people move in and out of the school district. Melody Nichols helped with an on-line form. Students from the National Honor Society load the anonymous packs. Special ed students keep the Buddy Pack room organized.

Buddy Pack families received vouchers for \$15 for a turkey in November and a voucher for turkey or ham in December.

Nickolaus requested a vote. The formal administrative budget for Buddy Pack is \$508 for stamps, P.O. Box, Thank You Cards, volunteer appreciation, vouchers, fliers, containers, tape, staples, etc. She requested authority to move dollar amounts between these categories, not to exceed \$50, while

remaining within the total budget. **Brenda Haynes made a motion to approve the request as presented. Brittney Sones seconded. Discussion. Motion carried.**

Nickolaus said she does need peanut butter for Buddy Packs. Let her know if you see peanut butter on sale (16 oz. size).

Learning Garden: Jenny Grabner said classes wrap up Dec. 4. She said the Learning Garden worked with 115 to 118 classes, serving 900 students. She said students in Kindergarten through fifth grade had at least three garden classes. Students in pre-K had at least two classes. In the Middle School there was one class for sixth graders. There were 45 kids in the Elementary Garden Club, 12 kids in Cooking Club and seven kids in the Middle School Garden Club.

Grabner said she sent out surveys to all teachers. The survey had more indepth questions including a request for ideas on how to fund the garden in the future.

There will be a professional workshop for teachers in January—a How to Use the Garden 101, etc. She is always looking for volunteers, especially with Board and committee work, volunteer coordination. There will be a couple of community focus groups in January and February. Let her know if you are interested.

The grant currently funding the Learning Garden will end in 2017. Brittney Sones suggested Grabner contact Paul White—he is a former ag teacher who gardens.

Grabner said Alex Collette is finishing his Eagle Project. He made a series of videos of how to use and set up a hoop house, which will be on YouTube. There are opportunities for other scouts to work on Eagle Projects in the Learning Garden.

Reflections: Brenda Haynes said the judges judged the Reflections entries Dec. 2. Fourteen entries were submitted by 11 students. All placed and will go to state. The reception will likely be at the bank again in February. Everything will be submitted to state Dec. 10. By March we will know the results.

Wish List: Twenty-one wish lists were turned in by the Nov. 30 deadline. Since more money has been budgeted than requested, members asked that we extend the deadline. The group extended the deadline to Dec. 18. PTA will let the principals know.

Carnival: No date has been set.

School Kidz: Collette said PTA officers were frustrated with Staples' School Kidz program. A local vendor may be able to do it. Jennifer Fischer-Bryant will contact Hailey Patterson at Smart Business Products of Columbia.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Laura Redfield-Jacobs