

Southern Boone PTA

DRAFT Jan. 8, 2015 Minutes

President Laura Brookshire called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Twenty-two members attended. Everyone introduced themselves. More thank you notes came in and were passed around. Brookshire said we need fundraising ideas for the spring fundraiser. We planned to do the Meal Stackers that we did in April of last year, but we found out that the Meal Stacker organizers will not do it this year because they cannot get 52 restaurants to participate. We are looking for other ideas.

Brookshire said we have had some people express interest in becoming an officer. We do have some openings. Please let Brookshire know if you are interested in being an officer. Openings include: Vice President Middle School /High School, President, President -Elect and Treasurer.

Vice President Heather Ottinger read the Mission Statement.

Secretary Laura Redfield-Jacobs said the November PTA Minutes had been sent out and posted on the web site. One member noticed that Julie Sexten's name was misspelled. No other errors were identified. **Nancy Nickolaus moved to accept the Minutes as amended. Kelly Redford seconded. Motion passed.**

Treasurer Rachel Brown gave the financial report for November and December. She said PTA had \$80 come in from Passport, and \$485 for Spirit Wear was paid out. She said she made last payment to state PTA for membership. She said State PTA encourages us to encourage people to join all the way through the school year. We still get the eScripts from Schnucks from a long time ago. Nancy Nickolaus said she did not think it ever was really huge. Not many people go to Schnucks, and it is not like HyVee. You must present your information at the beginning of the transaction. Brown said we received \$4,800 from Box Tops recently. Nickolaus said the Box Tops container at the High School was full so she brought them tonight. Brown said Peach Tree Farms and Fischer Farms finally had their checks clear from October. Teacher Appreciation was done. Reflections gave out cash prizes. Postage listed was for mailing items to the IRS. Brookshire asked about Science Lab equipment. Brown said she talked to Chris Gares. He was going to have PTA reimburse the school. People asked why the handout did not include the \$7,000+ for band and Primary reading program. She will check with Phyllis at the school district.

Committee Reports

Buddy Pack: Nancy Nickolaus said the program has raised a lot of money. It was recommended that she spend down some of the excess money. So Buddy Pack families were given vouchers for milk and bread when they picked up their Christmas items. We made a heavy duty card that will go home, which have the month and year on it and the Buddy Pack number (no name). It just says a gallon of milk and a loaf of bread. We get a copy of the invoice and the card so we can track it. Nickolaus received two thank you cards from family that specifically mentioned the milk and bread. She had one lady ask her about it because she has several kids. When Nickolaus explained this is a new program, she burst out crying and said it had been three weeks since her family has had milk in the house.

In the summer, no bus to summer school resulted in almost no Buddy Pack kids in summer school. In November we had 48 kids in the program. Now we have 39 kids. People in poverty are frequent movers. The other reason is that they may no longer need it. She did a presentation at the Optimist club and got \$180. She is tracking the donations that she knows. Sometimes the Buddy Pack fairy drops off a donation without leaving a name. Mosers is not giving us a discount on milk or bread (they do not give a discount to Wick either). We have 750 jars of peanut butter (350 of those came from the high school). HyVee gives us a 10% discount across the board. OPAA! Said it may be able to fill our order at Sam's prices, but could not. Nickolaus has a person who donates raisins every month.

Learning Garden: Jenny Grabner—Summary information for Primary and Elementary. We conducted 140 garden lessons this year, connecting to multiple academic subjects. We will participate in the Primary Intervention program. This was done with second grade this fall. We will continue with them because the first graders need the extra time for reading and math. We had 300 pounds of sweet potatoes, which were donated to the schools. We hope to get some salad stuff into the school meals when it warms up. We do teacher surveys every semester. The Summer School survey had really positive results. We are still getting teacher input from the fall—we have had 19 teachers respond so far. All respondents said the garden curriculum was effective. All respondents said that there is nothing they do not want to keep. We asked teachers if they would be interested in a short two-hour workshop to learn how to work with their classes in the garden on their own. Ninety percent said they would be interested. Two nursing students doing their Senior Capstone Project sent out a survey--250 people responded. The majority said the Learning Garden has encouraged their students to eat more fruits and vegetables at home, and encourage them to garden at home. We will continue to partner with Sinclair School of Nursing to see what kind of effect this program has on child health.

Spirit Wear: Christina Ebenroth said she sold \$741 in Spirit Wear at basketball games. Dusty Weter requires we have a minimum of 10 shirts per order. She would like permission to clearance the SEC-looking eagle shirts. We were selling them for \$15 (our cost is about \$8 for youth, \$9.50 for XXL, \$10 for long sleeve). She would like to clearance them for \$10 each. No one disagreed. She showed three designs by Linda. Ebenroth said Linda is willing to do orders as low as one. Her price point is a little higher, and she sometimes takes a little longer. Ebenroth orders all of the old stuff from Dusty because she still gets orders for the old designs. Some designs she will discontinue. Kelly Redford offered to make a new flier for her. To solve the 10 shirt minimum, Ebenroth was going to send a flier home to take orders and then order a few extra to sell at basketball games. She plans to order sweat pants that will have pockets and are not cuffed. They will cost us \$17. We will sell them for \$20. The sweatpants will be done by Dusty. Linda will do hoodies, which are \$25 our cost. We do not want to gouge anyone, but we do need to make a few bucks per item. Hoodies will not be dry fit, they will be cotton. PTA could use this as a fundraiser and market it as such. Sweatshirts will be sold for \$30. Do a PTA blast. If we do not have it in stock, we will order it. The good thing about Linda is she will do one shirt if we need one shirt. Send order forms home in Friday folders. Ebenroth will do this one building at a time to make it manageable. Over the summer she will work on hats, stickers, stadium seats. The football team is trying to go big next year. Do we as PTA want to sell rally towels, too? A rally towel is like a dish towel or golf towel you swing above your head. Cheerleaders will throw some to crowd. We could sell the rally towels. Football

parents will get them and sponsors will pay so some could be tossed out. PTA could sell them so Grandma can have one when she comes to the game. We could sell them at the football game. We might be able to have Southern Boone PTA on it. Rally towels cost about \$5 depending on how many you order. We would sell them for more. Rachel recommended we find out how much it would cost to fund. Stadium seating will be fancy seats with a back.

Teacher Wish List: Amy Hampton said we have \$7,020.50 in Wish Lists. We were asked to extend the date, though we have had submissions from all schools. We have had amazing Wishes come in. This year, these requests are the best I have ever read—a lot to enhance writing, Shop Class from Middle School, and quite a few High School requests. The Wish List is tax exempt. Only a few requests went over \$100, but only by a little bit. Wish List is for teachers only. Brookshire said we will look at fundraising. Jenny Grabner suggested PTA send out a letter—fundraising. A lot of people would be happy to donate money. If you have 200 people send you \$20 it is a better fundraiser. Need a letter that says what the funds would go to. Also mention Box Tops, Mosers Receipts, eScripts and send Spirit Wear information with it so we send one letter, not two.

Requests submitted on time equaled \$7,020.50. We have \$4,000 that we budgeted for Wish List.

Heather Ottinger made a motion to pay for all of the Wish Lists items that came in on time. Seconded by Alicia O. Discussion. Brittany Sones asked how this relates to proposed Policies and Procedures. Discussion. Wish List is different than a Funding Request. Jenny Grabner asked where will the extra \$3,000 come from to fund the full Wish List. Kelly Redford said at the beginning of the year we should have budgeted for this. Jenny said she is in favor of this proposal. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Box Tops: Terra Eavenson could not make it. Amy Hampton said someone keeps taking the box for Box Tops at the SoBoCo Library. Brookshire said PTA received a \$4,800 check from Box Tops.

Teacher Appreciation: Jamie Nelson had a trip to urgent care. Brookshire read her update: Christmas gifts went out for teachers before break. We have a lot of thank yous. We were missing four teachers on the list, which has since been updated. She is coming up with ideas for teacher appreciation week. She plans to have breakfast one day, lunch another.

Scholarships: Kelly Redford said PTA will award six \$500 scholarships and two \$1,000 scholarships. To qualify, the student must: have at least one parent that is a PTA member; a 2.5 GPA; actively participate in volunteer activities; presentation of application (bio or essay) -- describe volunteer activities future plan, future involvement in PTA. The committee will read those, select them in March. Robin Shaon will help present those. They will get a check when they receive the scholarship. You do not have to go to college, but technical school or some other way to further their education. There was discussion on whether we verify they go to college.

Reflections: Kelly Redford said it did well. There were 16 entries and 14 went to state. We had entries in every category, but there were no Middle School participants this year. Thank you to Kim Ponder, Abby Arauz, Dawn Sapp, Wendy Shear--who uploaded everything and was the only person in state who did it correctly and on-time, Kimberly Proctor who captured all entries, Amy Hampton, Liz Clark, and lots more helpers, principals, Boone County National Bank, the Boone County Journal, and more.

New Business

Amanda Brown, Me and the Mouse Travel, said she did a fundraiser with Rock Bridge Elementary. If you book with her and tell her that you have a Southern Boone student, she will donate \$25 to PTA. She does not charge people to book with her. Rock Bridge Elementary did a sale sheet of all the ways to support PTA. We could include her info on the PTA flier going out soon. Julie Sexten said people should put this on their FaceBook pages to share the information. Amanda Brown said she can now do military families. She can make a flier for PTA—her information on one side, our other fundraisers on the back.

Fund Request

School Counselor Sharon Horton would like to offer a Love and Logic Workshop for parents. We have a lot of parent requests for parenting ideas. We would love to offer a program for the parents. PTA looked into it one year. The program will be offered for Primary, Elementary and Middle School families. It is a six-week session, two hours each week. The day of the week has not been set. The trainer is flexible. The program is \$300 for six weeks regardless of how many people attend. Sharon Horton said people would sign up and then we order books so they are available for first meeting. Babysitting—what if it is not used? Would you bill PTA for what is actually used? Julie Sexten said—parents can pay for the book, but let other families who cannot pay for the book mark a box on the registration form and PTA will pay for their book. FFA will provide babysitting for a donation.

Julie Sexten made a motion to fund the \$300 for the workshop, additional money to pay for the books for people who cannot afford the books and up to \$50 a week each week for 6 weeks not to exceed \$725 total. Amanda Brown seconded. Motion carried.

Policies and Procedures

A new version was handed out. Discussion. People asked about the logic of Number 2 -- Fund requests to be voted on only at two meetings per year (November and April). Discussion. Jenny Grabner said we need to communicate better with teachers so we do not have so much carryover each year. She said she thinks that may be why fundraiser income is going down. Kelly Redford said we do not carry over too much. We have been working to spend it down. Redfield-Jacobs said the thought was we would vote in November because we will have the Passport fundraiser money in by the October meeting. We have the Carnival in April, which is why we would vote in April. Laura Brookshire said we do not want to spend money we do not know we have. Karen Hess said we should have to prioritize the requests. Julie Sexten said that when there are fewer meetings when you vote on requests, more people are likely to come, and members can compare requests and the vote can be a better representation of the membership.

Amy Hampton—suggested PTA budget a certain amount for each building and have a certain amount of money for special requests.

Heather Ottinger suggested that Field Trips should be a line item each year in the budget.

The group decided to let everyone take it home and then people can e-mail comments to Secretary Laura Redfield-Jacobs, lauraredfield1@centurytel.net, within 10 days. She will compile it and send it to membership 10 days before the next meeting. People suggested having a special meeting.

Nominating Committee: Laura Brookshire said we have to have a Nominating Committee to find new officers. Safire Ortvals, Alicia Ozenberger, Dawn Sapp and Amy Collette have agreed to be on the committee. Does anyone else want to be on the committee? No one else volunteered. **Kelly Redford made a motion to accept the Nomination Committee as read. Brittney Sones seconded it. Motion carried.**

Rachel Brown said she would like a survey to go to all of the parents and a Fundraiser Packet--If we do a fundraiser with Sprit Wear—we need a flier, order form, letter from president, Mouse and Me. Do not want to be overwhelming. Maybe ask every family to donate \$20 so we do not have to do a fundraiser.

Heather Ottinger made a motion to adjourn at 9 p.m. Seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Redfield-Jacobs, Secretary.