

Southern Boone PTA
Jan. 7, 2016 Approved Minutes

President Dawn Sapp called the meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m. Fifteen people attended, including Chris Felmler, superintendent, and Tim Roth, assistant superintendent. Everyone introduced themselves.

Laura Redfield-Jacobs read the PTA Mission Statement.

Redfield-Jacobs handed out copies of the minutes. They were sent out Tuesday via email. **Amy Collette made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Brenda Haynes seconded. Motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report: Amy Collette gave the Treasurer's Report. The PayPal button is now on the PTA web page. Revenue for December is \$440. More has come in. BoxTops: October was the deadline to receive a check in December. The next deadline is February for a check in April. Kara Hinton, high school counselor, had special ed kids and the National Honor Society students clip Box Tops. They clipped 11,000 BoxTops in about two days. She then sent them to Terra for processing. Ann Smith has processed \$75,000 worth of Mosers receipts. We get .05%. She has some volunteers who are still processing receipts. She will submit the receipts once we hit \$100,000. The only expense we had was the December childcare check to the FFA. We have about \$16,000 in the bank. We do have some expenses coming up later this spring. **Dana Payne made a motion to accept the report as written. Kara Hinton seconded. Motion carried.**

Guest speaker: Girls on the Run—Cheryl Unterschutz said she was an art teacher before joining Girls on the Run, an education-based group for girls in 3rd through 5th grade and a Middle School program for grades 6-8th. It has an outcomes-based curriculum with 20 lessons created by the international office. Missouri has five Councils. The Heart of Missouri Council is celebrating its fifth year. It is a girl empowerment program that focuses on self esteem, body image acceptance, appreciate differences in other people, and making connections with the community. A lesson is called a practice. Practices occur twice a week for 90 minutes each time. It begins with a warm up. The girls have to think of an adjective that describes them based on the first letter of their name. In the second phase girls discuss what they learned about other people. The third part is preparing for a 5K. We want to help the girls understand that everybody is different and that is OK. Even supermodels have to be airbrushed for magazines. The program is run by volunteer coaches. We recruit community members, complete background checks, and we provide the curriculum. There is no cost to the school district. There is a \$125 fee for girls to participate (for those who can afford it) and scholarships are available. There is a huge 5K that includes all participating schools. We had 162 girls, each with a buddy, who ran the 5K this past year. Girls can walk if they want to. The goal is to improve you, not compete with others. Girls also do a community service project as a team. The coach acts as a facilitator. We try to have programs in the fall. Sharon Horton and a teacher have committed to being coaches. We have to have at least eight girls (no more than 20). This spring will be Tuesday and Thursdays 3:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. for 3rd through 5th graders. Attendees said they think there are enough girls in Middle School who would like to participate to have

a program there as well. She is here tonight to get the word out—to encourage people to participate. All of the girls will run the 5K at the A.L. Gustin Golf Course. The program will start Feb. 8 in Southern Boone. April 30th is the 5K. Chris Felmlee offered to take the flier, scan it and send it out. She does need a couple more coaches. Her Council's board has decided to have only female coaches. Currently, elementary and middle school girls are separate programs.

Committee Update

Wish List: Deborah Conner initially only received 18 responses from teachers. When we extended the deadline we reached 42 responses. The fourth grade team and second grade team submitted group proposals, plus a second grade teacher asked for math materials. The second grade group wants apps for the iPads. The Wish List budget is \$5,500, and requests are almost that much. Mr. Hennessey asked for \$100 for an amp. Members said that was a great request. She said 90 percent of the requests were from Preschool (three teachers asked for outdoor equipment), Primary and Elementary. The committee will decide on the requests.

Learning Garden: Jenny Grabner said we will be harvesting next week. A lot is growing under plastic and we will have produce for the Elementary School. The Learning Garden is gearing up for classes in March. And the Learning Garden needs more volunteers for committees. There will be a focus group coming up where we will talk about what we like and how to sustain it when the grant ends in a couple of years. It is a precursor to strategic planning. Felmlee sent the Learning Garden newsletter out to parents today.

Spirit Wear: Stacey Huck said Dusty Weter is willing to give us a button on his web site. She suggested we order bulk and sell at football games. Then people can order it off of his web site, and we could get a percentage if we wanted to negotiate it. She will get more specifics from the Weters. She did not have anyone ask her about consignments. We will sell the leftover old designs at clearance prices.

Reflections: Brenda Haynes said the reception will be Feb. 6 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Central Bank. The art will be in the community room for the reception, but we cannot do a long-term display until May. We plan to display the art at the Carnival.

New Business

Brenda Haynes said Jennifer Fischer-Bryant has contacted the business about the alternative to the School Kitz. What is the deadline for school items list? Safire Orbals thinks it will be February.

The City of Ashland will put in a Community Garden in the Palomino Ridge neighborhood area. Groups of volunteers are needed to help work on this. Contact Jenny Grabner if you would like to help. There will be a planning meeting next month.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Laura Redfield-Jacobs