

NPE PTO Minutes
August 12, 2014, 7:00
NPE Library Media Center

President Lori Burks called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Attending were Mrs. Katy Eastes, 7 staff members, 8 PTO chairs and 3 new parents.

Treasurer, Kari Morwick, gave the financial report. The balances are \$17230.40 (checking) and \$33089.27 (savings). Total=\$50319.67. She discussed the reason for leaving some extra money available in case it was needed along the way and not spending all we have.

6th Grade Dance: Lori Burks announced the date for the first dance is Friday, September 12 from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. The dance will be hosted by Sugar Creek Elementary and take place at that school.

6th Grade Celebration: Karen Rist, co-chair for the committee, discussed having the celebration in the evening this year so more families would be able to attend. They would like it to have more of a "graduation" celebration feel.

Art Fundraiser: New NPE art teacher, Mrs. Bouche, will take on this area. She will be using the company "Art to Remember" and working it into her curriculum this year. The money made from this will go into an ECA fund for art supplies needed for NPE's art program. Items will be created by students and handed out to those who order them before Fall Break in order to be used for Christmas presents.

Box Tops: Nikko Loman, co-chair, announced the collection dates are 8/29, 9/26, 11/14, 12/12, 1/30, 2/27, 4/17. One class per month will win a treat for collecting the most Box Tops with an end of year prize for overall classroom winner.

Carnival: Karen Rist and Ruby Short, co-chairs, were given the I-Step testing dates of the first 2 weeks of March and the end of April. There was a short discussion of whether or not to have the Carnival before Spring Break this year and a planning meeting to discuss this year's theme is planned for Wednesday, August 20.

Entertainment Books: Lori Burks reported the sale starts Friday, August 15 and the sale runs through Wednesday, August 27. There will be two mid-sale prizes available to students who sell books and return prize coupons to school. A Mega Party for students selling 4 books (\$100 worth) will be in September. There will be cash prizes awarded for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd top sellers.

Market Day: Natalie Young announced the sales total for May 2014 was \$166.18 with a yearly total of \$2,431.23. There were 20 orders placed with no new customers. Sales for June 2014 were \$142.62.10. The total sales amount for the 2013/2014 school year was \$2,573.85. 14 orders (1 new customer). A new flyer was sent home last week with students. The online dead line to order is 8/14 at 11PM. Pick up is scheduled for 8/19 from 5:30-6:30.

McDonald's Family Nights: Erin Amones and Lori Burks will attend a meeting on August 20 at McDonald's to discuss dates for NPE's fundraiser nights.

Room Parent Coordinator: Codi Strong and Jessie Hurst sent home envelopes and letters requesting \$5 for snacks for the 3 parties. They made their first round of collections the week of August 11 - August 15. They will make a final collection on 8/22/14. A meeting with all room parents is planned for mid-September. They are waiting as that data is collected. All room parents will be contacted by late August/early September, as a few rooms still did not have parent volunteers signed up.

Spirit Wear: Missy Ackerman- Spirit Wear Sale is November 3 - 17. Orders will be delivered the week before Christmas break.

Student Directory & Website: Jen Popp-PTO website is up to date <http://www.npepto.com/>. Please contact Jennifer Popp at jpopp@npepto.com or by calling/texting 513-4459 to have information added to our <http://www.npepto.com/> website, website blog, emails sent to parents and/or NPE Staff or Facebook announcements. Committee chairs, please take a look at the website and let Jen know of any changes or updates.

As of 8/11/2014, the PTO Email & Volunteer Form, Room Parent Volunteer link and Student Directory Opt-OUT Form have been sent out through email (PTO Manager), included in both newsletters emailed to families and posted on PTO website and Facebook. We have not received any printed forms as of 8/11/2014. There were only about 8 new volunteer registrations on the PTO Manager and only 1 person has filled out the Student Directory Opt-OUT Form. A discussion on sending out a paper form for this was had and the forms went home to students.

The Student Directory will be created from the school's official registration process. Once the PTO submits the list of folks that completed the Student Directory Opt-OUT form, then Denise Wilson will prepare a file export for us. For the second year in a row, we are going green and will save about \$750 in printing costs of the Student Directory booklet. The Student Directory will be created in a format that can be emailed to parents and stored on a password protected page on the website. Please send any feedback for improvements or changes to the Student Directory and/or any additional information you'd like to see included to Jen Popp. There was a small discussion on how to get a paper copy to those parents who would like one.

Check out these resources to stay informed:

1. Southern Hancock Schools: <http://www.newpal.k12.in.us/>
2. New Palestine Elementary School: <http://npe.newpal.k12.in.us/>
3. NPE Principal Katy Eastes Twitter: @NPEPrincipal
4. New Palestine Elementary PTO Website: <http://www.npepto.com/>
5. NPE PTO Facebook: New-Palestine-Elementary-PTO
6. NPE PTO Twitter: @npepto

Teacher Appreciation: Codi Strong/Jessie Hurst- The teacher appreciation committee provided lunch for the teachers the day before school began. Lunch was prepared by McAlister's Deli and deserts provided by families of NPE. Treat cart will begin in September. The chairs will ask for food donations as needed.

Yearbook: Angela Phillips-We will be doing yearbooks later this year and handing them out Fall of 2015 versus Spring of 2015. This will allow the yearbook staff to incorporate more pictures and fun activities at NPE. A meeting is set for sometime in September.

New Business: Lori Burks has been meeting with the rep for the new equipment for the kindergarten playground. There was a short discussion on saving money and installing the equipment ourselves. Mr. Perdue is being contacted for this.

The matter of a new fence around the kindergarten area was discussed as well as how to anchor the new soccer goals that were donated to the playground without mowing crews having to move them around.

**OUR NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR Tuesday, November 11, 2014 AT 7:00
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