

NPE PTO MEETING Minutes
August 24, 2011
Roller Cave Conference Area

President, Angie Henry called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Attendees included 4 officers, Mr. Kern (principal), Mrs. Canada (3rd grade teacher), and 6 PTO members. Carthage Elementary PTO President, Kim Spence, was also present.

President Angie Henry discussed NPE PTO Bylaws and the idea of implementing Robert's Rules.

Vice President Sysily Miller would like our committee chairs to take advantage of the PTO manager and utilize registered volunteers.

Treasurer: Debbie Ransburg

Financial Report: The combined bank balances total \$20,761.85 as of 8/23/2011 and reconcile to the bank statements.

Secretary: Kori Murphy - May 10, 2011 Budget Meeting Minutes were discussed and approved.

6th Grade Graduation: Amy Mattingly, Shannon Henderson – plans will begin after Christmas Break

Bingo Night: Kori Murphy, Michelle Niemier, 3rd co-chair? – Tentatively scheduled for March 10. We are looking for an additional co-chair to help organize and carryout plans. Let us know if you're interested. We had a lot of fun with this event last year!

Box Tops: Sharon Canfield, Tricia Shanahan, Jessie Hurst - Box tops will reconvene this Sept. with the first pick-up date scheduled for 9/9. As in the past, dates have been set each month w/an award for each grade bringing in the most boxtops. An initial communication was sent home familiarizing parents w/boxtops as well as pick-up dates. Communications for each pick-up will also be in future Dragon Express and PTO postings on the web.

Carnival/Auction: Angie Henry, Staci Wilson – Carnival and auction is set for Friday, April 13, 5:30-9:00. We will ask parents to donate items for themed auction baskets. A few changes are planned for games. Fresh pizza from a local vendor will be available. We plan to have a committee meeting soon and will need lots of volunteers to help with detailed plans!

Entertainment Books/Cookie Dough: Kari Morwick, Lori Burks - The kickoff is Aug. 25! The books will be delivered to the rooms so the teachers can hand them out to the students. The

sale will run through Sept. 11 with forms and money to be turned in on the 12th. Volunteers will be needed again on Sept. 14 to help start tallying the orders. The Mega Party will be on Oct. 14 from 3:45 to 4:45. \$100 worth of EB/CD must be sold to attend. Volunteers will be needed for the Mega Party to make popcorn and snow cones for the kids. The cookie dough will be delivered and needs to be picked up by parents on Nov. 2nd. Kohl's Volunteers will be helping on Nov. 2nd but we'll need parents as well! A donation letter will go home again this year if parents do not want to participate in the fundraiser by selling items. There will also be mid-sale prizes like last year if \$60 worth of items has been sold.

Market Day: Natalie Young, Sysily Miller – First Sale will be on Tuesday, September 13th. Goal for this school year is to raise \$2,000!! Remember--volunteers are welcome the second Tuesday of each month to sort and pack customers orders.

McDonald's Family Nights: Michelle Niemier – NEW opportunity this year - McDonald's Family Nights are scheduled to be the first Tuesday of every month. 10% of all sales received between 4:00-8:00 will be donated to NPE PTO! The PTO must have someone present during this time. I will be asking for 1 or 2 volunteers for 4:00-6:00 and 6:00-8:00. We will also have the opportunity to promote fundraisers and upcoming PTO events! Our first date is Tuesday, September 6.

Room Parent Coordinators: Trice Greene, Jessie Hurst - \$5 donation request envelopes are out and will compile a list of room parents from the response I get from the envelopes and from the PTO manager. I will get with Jen Popp on this. Also, room parent meeting will be held in September after I get a complete list of room parent volunteers and confirm date with Mr. Kern, Angie Henry, and Jessie Hurst. Jessie and I will discuss snacks for the first party.

SchoolStore.com: NEW opportunity this year - SchoolStore.com is an online shopping mall where over 200 nationally-known online merchants have agreed to give a percentage of sales back to schools. Companies like Walmart.com, Sears, Target, DisneyStore.com, and Oriental Trading Company participate. SchoolStore.com is a great way to support NPE when you shop online. Simply use this website as your starting point and NPE will receive anywhere from a 5%-25% return on the purchase amount! Flyers and info will be distributed in early September. If anyone is interesting in chairing this committee, please let Angie know. Time involved should be minimal but needed throughout the school year. Distributing flyers and emailing occasional reminders will be the main responsibility.

Scrip: Melisa Duffy – Shop with Scrip will be offered two times this year. In November for the holiday season and in April for Graduation and Mother's Day. Specific dates will be set soon.

Spirit Wear: Sysily Miller – Currently working on designs and product selection. Look for the sale to begin in mid-September!

Student Directory & Website: Jen Popp – PTO website is up to date. Committee chairs, please take a look and let me know of any needed changes. Once the majority of families are

registered, I will provide you with a list of people who signed up to help with your committee. I am also glad to help with email distributions thru PTO Manager. I can be contacted at jpopp@npepto.com.

Teacher Appreciation: Missy Ackerman, Lynna Rooks - The Teacher Appreciation Committee provided a Welcome Back Luncheon for the NPE Teacher and Staff on August 9th. It was enjoyed by all. August 29th teachers will receive a Survival Kit consisting of Gatorade, Candy Bar, Slim Jim & Nuts. We have an encouraging poem that will be attached to the bag compliments of the PTO. September 14 the teachers and staff will be treated to Starbucks coffee and pastry cart. Stephanie Dodd is coordinating Birthday cards for all the staff/teachers. We plan to implement the giving tree. More information to come on that.

Yearbook: Donna Reed, Jessi DiCristofolo - We will have our first meeting with Interstate Studios on Monday, August 22. The typical deadline for submitting the yearbook draft to Interstate is in late January or 1st week of February. Sharon True was a member of the yearbook committee last year and we are excited that she will continue to work on the yearbook committee again this year. We are looking for additional volunteers to take pictures and work on class room pages for the yearbook.

We will be sending out e-mails periodically asking parents to send in pictures from any school event or lunch they attend at the school for inclusion in the yearbook. We also plan to ask our Room Parents to try to designate at least one parent helper from each class party to take pictures to send to us for the yearbook.

We also need to remind parents that all pictures must be taken at the school or at a school sponsored event location such as the "Roller Cave", "McDonald's Family Night" etc. Other pictures outside of this description are not permitted to be included in the yearbook.

New Business:

Mr. Kern – Last spring the principals discussed doing something that involved 6th graders across the corporation. Each school/PTO would host an event. Event ideas include: swim party, Roller Cave, dance at DCMS, and graduation celebration. All present supported 6th grade only activity nights.

Mr. Kern commented on how nice it was to see so many new faces and wanted to let everyone know that he is willing to include PTO information in the Dragon Express at any time; however, he would like to have any info by Wednesday morning if it is to be included in Friday's Dragon Express. An electronic copy is preferred but a hard copy will be accepted as well.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35.

OUR NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2011 AT 2PM