

NPE PTO Minutes  
October 1, 2013, 7:00  
NPE Library Media Center

President Lori Burks called the meeting to order at 7:00. Present were Mr. Kern, 1 board member, 4 staff members and 5 PTO parents.

The August 13th Minutes and Budget were distributed, read and approved.

**Treasurer's Report** - A Checking Account balance of \$33,799.31 and a Savings Account Balance of \$17,836.53 was reported. It was noted that on 9/11/13, \$255.00 that was originally budgeted for the Pre-school sand table and on 8/23/13, \$750.00 that was originally budgeted for the student directory was transferred in to Savings from Checking. The bingo account is \$246.40.

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration:** Donna Reed- the 2<sup>nd</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance will be held at NPE on Friday, November 15 from 6-7:30.

**Art Fundraiser:** Beth Stuczynski- artwork is starting to be collected and the preschool will be involved in the fundraiser.

**Box Tops:** Lynette Hulet-The first collection date was in September. Parents have volunteered to help with this committee. The next pick-up date is this Friday, October 4. Monthly treats will be given to the class at each grade level who turns in the most items. A party for the overall class winner is tentatively planned for May.

**Carnival** Karen Rist/Ruby Short. Date is set for Friday, April 11 from 5:30 to 9. The Committee has met and a theme, prizes and pizza buffet were discussed. There is a meeting this week to visit Novelty Inc. and Kips to look over prize options and cost.

**Discover Indy Books:** Lori Burks- Bounce House Party was Friday, September 27. The party was a success. We had about 120 kids attend. The top 2 winners received monetary prizes. The school goal was to raise \$7,500 and we raised over \$12,000. Huge success! We still have 80 books that have not been returned.

**Market Day:** Natalie Young - September profit was \$312.18. We had 10 more customers than in June. Pie Flyers will go out for the November sale. Boo Bag order forms went home yesterday-order forms are due back Thursday October 3rd. Next MD pick up is Thursday October 24 from 6-7. This is a different date because of Fall Break. The last day for MD paper orders are Friday October 4<sup>th</sup>. The last day to order MD (Internet Orders) is Saturday October 19th at 11PM

**McDonald's Family Nights:** Beth Stuczynski- NPE Night is the first Tuesday of every Month. We raised \$170 in September. There is one tonight. The next one will be November 5. We have volunteers for Nov. and Dec. and had some staff volunteer to help.

**Room Parent Coordinator:** \$1846 was collected from parents for the room parties. Each classroom has at least 1 room parent. Room parent letters with helpful information was sent out in e-mail form this past weekend. The first room party will be the Halloween Party on Friday, October 31. Rice Krispy Treats/water were decided on for the Halloween party. We will be sending out an email to all parents letting them know what will be offered so if their child has an allergy they can send another treat.

**Spirit Wear:** Missy Ackerman- We will be using the same company as last year. The sale will be from November 1 - 18th. Orders will be back in time for Christmas.

**Student Directory & Website:** Jen Popp – Student Directories were emailed September 28. The PTO has chosen to go green to save resources as well as the printing costs (\$750 budgeted amount!) for the booklets. This version can be easily viewed on the computer screen, saved as well as printed on 8.5 x 11 paper. The Directory is also stored on a

password protected page at <http://www.npepto.com/> - click on the "Student Directory" tab and then type in the password provided by Mr. Kern's Dragon Express email. Please pass along any feedback about the Student Directories on how they could be improved next year to Jennifer Popp at [jpopp@npepto.com](mailto:jpopp@npepto.com). The students' contact information was populated from the School Registration process and choosing to share the information with the PTO for the Student Directory as of August 20, 2013. Please contact Jennifer Popp at [jpopp@npepto.com](mailto:jpopp@npepto.com) to have information added to our <http://www.npepto.com/> website, emails sent to parents and NPE Staff or Facebook announcements. We have the ability to email short surveys or forms to our parents and staff at NPE using Google Docs. Contact Jennifer Popp if you'd like to collect information/feedback for a project etc. If you have not been receiving emails from "New Palestine Elementary School PTO", go to <http://www.npepto.com/> to register by clicking on the "Volunteer Registration" tab.

**Teacher Appreciation:** Codi Strong/Jessie Hurst-Staff enjoyed the Hog Roast at the Didelots. Ann has willingly offered to host another party this year. Ideas for the Teacher Christmas Party are being discussed. We did our first treat cart on Monday, September 23rd. Teachers' enjoyed the apple treats. Monday, October 28th is the next scheduled treat cart. McAlister's Deli is not willing to participate in a fundraising activity. They did offer to give donations in future. Pies will be collected in November for all staff and teachers.

**Yearbook:** Angela Phillips/Dan Bowers- The contract has been signed with Inter-State Studios. There is a new site that should make the yearbook layout easier. A committee meeting will be set up once a meeting with the rep has been set to go over the new website. A time line has been established.

**Old Business:** Lori discussed that the Brookville Road Community Church (BRCC)/NPE playground improvement was a success with 80 people attending. \$300 was taken from the Checking account for paint and brushes.

**New Business:**

Teacher Appreciation Chair- Codi requested more funds for their committee. She was asked to bring in a proposal to the next meeting for the amount they are requesting.

Mr. Kern discussed the Pacer Fundraiser. It will be a Southern Hancock County night instead of just and NPE night. The date has been set at Jan.18 at 7pm against the Clippers. Tickets will be sold at \$14 for upper deck seating. The cost will include: Hot Dog, Chips and a Drink.

Beth Stuczynski is currently checking with Orange Leaf to see how we could utilize them as a fundraiser. Fred Burks and Mr. Kern are working on a Golf Outing.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00.

**OUR NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, November 5, 2013 AT 7:00  
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