

PTO Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2017

The January PTO meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm.

Members present included Amanda Johnson, Duana Howard, Shannon Conaway, Gina Homan, Louise Brown, Amanda Parker, Kelly Wygant, Danielle Meyer, Nikki Sidles and Cyndi Losey.

Welcome

Amanda Johnson and Shannon Conaway, Co-Chairs, welcomed everyone to the January meeting and introductions were made around the room.

Treasurer's Report – (Duana Howard)

PTO Fund

Beginning Balance: 11/10/16 \$60,074.70

Total Income \$306.60

Total Expenses \$28,967.43

Ending Balance: 01/11/17 \$31,413.87

Expected Expenses: \$2,115.75 (EWALU/Living History Farms-2016, Remaining Teacher Reimbursements, JK Play Items, Pizza Hut Trips-3rd Grade, Wobble Chairs)

East Fund

Beginning Balance: 11/10/16 \$6,134.72

Income \$2,208.20

Expenses \$716.54

Ending Balance: 01/11/17 \$7,626.38

Total Checkbook Balance: 01/11/17 \$39,040.25

We would like to encourage teachers to please submit fund requests when items are needed for classrooms. Duana wanted to remind everyone that you can donate your pop can/bottle money to the PTO through Nickelback and if you shop through Amazon, please use Amazon Smile and a portion of your purchase will be donated to our schools.

The 2017 budget was also discussed during this meeting. Estimations based on previous years fund allocations were made and the expected annual expenses come to \$14,575.00. The group also looked at the total profits raised from the previous No Fuss Fundraiser (\$13,490), Carnival (\$5,300) and Cherrydale Fundraiser (\$20,400) to get an idea on how to proceed in the coming years. 2017 is a no fundraiser year.

Old Business

Duana has submitted for Dollars for Scholars scholarships again this year.

Shannon discussed the Teacher Conference Meal and it was a success. The PTO have received quite a few thank yous from the teachers.

Louise Brown has done a wonderful job of keeping the PTO bulletin boards at East and West up to date with upcoming events and pictures from events we have done!

Duana opened discussion about the November Movie Night. It was agreed that a newer movie drew in a good amount of attendance and held the students' attention. It was held on a non-school day, which made set up go smoothly and wasn't rushed.

New Business

Greg Moen, counselor at West, presented a slide show of the pictures taken from the 6th grade field trip to EWALU. This is a full day field trip, from 8:00 am until 6:00 pm. 14 staff members chaperoned and the students participated in 45 minute sessions throughout the day. The purpose of the field trip is for students to learn about conflict and how to work together through various scenarios.

There are two PTO Board positions up for election this coming April, Co-Chair and Treasurer. If you are interested in either of these positions, please feel free to talk with one of the current board members.

Amanda opened discussion about Kindergarten Roundup. The PTO have provided coloring books and crayons to all of the children that come to Roundup in past years. The group voted unanimously to approve the funds of \$150 to purchase more supplies for this. We are planning to get these supplies prepared at the February PTO Meeting.

Amanda also discussed the Mustang Foundation Banquet on January 21 and the fact that in previous years, the PTO has provided a dessert for the dessert auction portion of the meal. The money raised is divided up evenly amongst the organizations that donated and the funds are to go towards a project that benefits who that organization serves. Cyndi Losey is going to talk to her mother in law about providing a cake for the event.

The next PTO Family Movie Night was also discussed. It is looking like it will be held in March. We are wanting to show "Moana" and it is supposed to be released on DVD in March. A volunteer sign-up sheet will be sent out when we know the release date of the movie.

We are asking the group to vote on approving funds up to \$1500 to bring inflatables to West as a treat to the kids for doing such a great job with the fundraiser. This was unanimously approved by the group.

Upcoming Events

PTO Family Movie Night-Tentative date of March 24th

Fund Requests

Amanda Parker, music teacher at West, presented a fund request for partial funds (\$500) for the purchase of 30 ukuleles for her classroom. These will be used with 5th and 6th grade students. The Mustang Foundation has contributed \$1,000 towards this purchase, thus the reason for partial funding. Ms. Parker has found there are many pros to using ukuleles instead of guitars with students: they are smaller and easier for students to handle; there are only 4 strings instead of 6 strings (guitar); and the strings are nylon vs. steel strings on guitars. This was unanimously approved by the group.

There next PTO Meeting will be February 8th.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Submitted by Cyndi Losey/PTO Secretary

PTO Board/Officers:

Amanda Johnson, Co-Chair

Shannon Conaway, Co-Chair

Duana Howard, Treasurer

Cyndi Losey, Secretary