

MEMORIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER CLUB

MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 14, 2011 MEETING

ATTENDANCE: Devan LaCoursiere, Kristin Smith, Heidi Weist, John Byrne, Cheryl French, Ken Gilbert, Eric Bryant, Ryan Graham

The meeting was called to order at 6:10.

SPAGHETTI FEED:

The President reported on the spaghetti feed saying that the evening was a success. The turnout was very good, the baked goods were bought rapidly, the lines moved well, and everyone appeared to have a good time. (The only complaint, mentioned later in the Principal's Report, was by an attendee who reported that a person outside the building, but on school grounds, became unpleasant when asked to move himself and his cigarette off school grounds as is required by state law.)

The financial results still need to be sorted out. The overall manager of the event, Julie Rossback, could not attend the meeting because of an unanticipated work schedule change. The proceeds have all been deposited into the PTC account, pending a determination of what expenses (if any) need to be paid followed by a 75 PTC – 25 (Band program) split. Julie Rossback has generously said her private business will cover some of the expenses but the scope of the offer is unclear at this time. The President was authorized to work out the details, arrange for the split of the proceeds and have the PTC share placed in the PTC account.

For the future, it is anticipated that the overseeing duties will be divided into four parts with an overall coordinator. Particular emphasis will be placed on securing more baked items for the baked items proved, once again, to be very popular. Traci Egan has offered to help oversee this portion of next fall's event. In addition, the PTC will explore placing tables in the corridor outside of the cafeteria because there were times when seating was not available.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Family Geography Night: The evening event was a big success. The student counters counted at least 135 attendees and it is likely the number was considerably higher because there were times when the counter could not keep up with the crowd. Mallory Marquet thanked the PTC for its support of the event and noted that she spent slightly less than \$80 of the \$100 that was allocated for the event by the PTC. In addition, it was noted that the school retains the giant Oregon map for future use as well as the cookie cutter in the shape of Oregon – a utensil that can be used in future fund raising events.

It was reported that other teachers were inspired by the success of geography night to consider similar events in different academic fields.

Oregon Battle of the Books: The principal relayed a request from Mallory Marquet to provide funds for the purchase of books on tape that would enable four special education students to participate in the Oregon Battle of the Books. He said that the school has encouraged the participation by the special education students and that the taped books are needed to allow that participation. The cost is \$95.48. Because the materials must be purchased right away to enable the students to participate this year, it was **M/S/P** to provide up to \$95.48 for that purpose. It was then suggested that the school look for an outside grant to assist in future years.

The principal then turned the floor over to School Counselor Ryan Graham who made two requests for financial assistance:

Lunch Buddies: This is a program that pairs adults (who have been subjected to appropriate background checks) with kids who may not be well connected for lunch at the school once a week during the school year. The local YMCA selects the participants and there are currently 7 adults involved (4 men and 3 women). They have lunch with the student with whom each is paired in the school cafeteria. The request was to help defray the cost of the lunches, approximately \$3 per lunch. (A similar program occurs in Calapooia and Timber Ridge). Mr. Graham indicated that the program has been a success in helping kids stay focused and connected. After discussing the program, it was **M/S/P** to allocate up to \$400 for this program for the balance of the 2011-2012 school year.

Christmas Excursion/Shopping: The PTC has provided funds in the past to help students who may not be able to purchase gifts for family members to do so. Mr. Graham oversees the selection of the youngsters and the arrangements for the actual excursion. Last year, \$750 was provided for this purpose. (The amount was augmented by other donations.) It was **M/S/P** to allocate \$750 for the event this year.

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

The minutes of the October meeting were made available. It was **M/S/P** that they be accepted as written.

The financial report was made available to the attendees. It was partial in that it did not reflect the proceeds of the spaghetti feed. The major transaction was the deposit of the cash and checks from the book sale and the resulting check issued to Scholastic. It was noted that the actual tally came up roughly \$13 short of the amount that the register said should be there. That was about 1% of the total (\$1,153.02). Given that up to eight different people handled the transactions, it is not surprising that minor errors

occurred. The correct amount was paid to Scholastic from PTC funds. (It should be noted at the same time that a credit of over \$600 was generated for the school library as the reward for the school for holding the book fair. The credit can be used to purchase books sold by Scholastic.)

Other transactions during the course of the previous month involved final payments for OBOB books, payments which had been previously authorized, and some expense payments related to the spaghetti fee.

As of 11/10/11, the PTC account held \$1,383.98. (The beginning balance according to the latest report had been \$1,520.29.) (These totals do not include the proceeds from the spaghetti feed.)

It was **M/S/P** that the financial report be accepted.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sound System Fund Raising Event: Planning has gone on for a pie-throwing (in the face) event as part of the December 16 assembly that also will feature the student-teacher volley ball game. Eight teachers/staff members have volunteered to be the subject. The number will be reduced to four for this event and those four will be identified with marked buckets in or near the office. Students, staff, and any other interested person can “vote” for one or another by placing money in the bucket of the one chosen. The name that generates the greatest amount of money becomes the target of the pie. The President will coordinate the final details.

NEW BUSINESS

Fund Raising: The President reported on Dawn Manning’s suggestion that a raffle-type event be included with next year’s spaghetti feed. It is an idea which is currently used at Liberty Elementary. The patrons at the dinner, or any other event, would have an option of purchasing a different (and a bit more expensive) ticket which would go into a raffle for a significant prize. It was agreed that the idea should be explored.

Multi-Cultural Night: Cheryl French proposed that the PTC sponsor a multi-cultural night of food, music, displays and events in late February. The target date was in the week of February 20 – 24 with Thursday, February 23 tentatively picked as the specific day. There would be a moderate charge for the evening which would provide dinner through a selection of food from different cultures as well as entertainment and participatory events. Cheryl French agreed to further refine the idea and report back during the December meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

**THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY,
DECEMBER 12, 2011 AT 6 P.M. IN A CLASSROOM NEAR
THE ENTRANCE TO THE SCHOOL.**