



MEETING MINUTES October 2, 2018

Welcome - The meeting was called to order at 6:37pm in the school's library.

Those present: Marie Sager, President, Nikki Niccolai, Vice-President, Brad Schwer, Treasurer, Jodi Matthews, Secretary, Beth LaBell, Jen Ludwig, Jennifer Tellez, Bryan Hammond, Katie Niebuhr, Nicole Harms, My Seisay, Jenna Hass, Principal Roger Gahart

I. SECRETARY'S REPORT

The PSO Meeting Minutes of September 11, 2018, were read and approved on a Hammond/Tellez motion. The Approved September Minutes will be emailed to Christy Hoff to be placed on the school's website under the PSO tab.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking	Opening Balance:	\$43,132.86
	Closing Balance:	\$51,923.45
Savings	Opening Balance:	\$456.78
	Closing Balance:	\$456.89

Sponsorship donations have started coming in for the Panther Prowl; these donations cover the cost of the Prowl t-shirts. A three hundred (\$300.00) dollar Town of Paris donation for the Halloween Party has been deposited. Nikki Niccolai has been paid out one thousand three hundred (\$1,300.00) dollars to start up the Paws Store.

The Treasurer's Report was approved on a Ludwig/Hammond motion.

III. COMMUNITY OUTREACH

1. RedPages (message from Holly Dammann) – Panther RedPages have been completed and were distributed in September. It was suggested by Holly to eliminate the Growl Contest portion due to very little participation. We need to think of ways to increase participation for the Cover Contest.

It was mentioned if it's possible to add each student's grade level in the RedPages, but Principal Gahart said that is not allowed to be included.

Overall, everything went well for this year's RedPages.

2. CHS Homecoming / Panther Pride Float (Beth LaBell) – Central’s Homecoming Parade took place on Wednesday, September 26, 2018. Beth does not know who the winner of the Float Contest is. Each year, the winner receives one hundred (\$100.00) dollars cash. It was an amazing turnout with very high participation of Paris School families this year. This is always a great time for families.

Last year PSO donated the winning one hundred (\$100.00) dollars in the form of several gift cards to the owner of the trailer. It was asked if we should do this again as a way of saying “thank you” for borrowing his trailer again. Everyone agreed we should continue to do this.

Beth asked if someone could manage the gift - - pick up gift cards, write a note of thanks, and get it to Mike Pace; Nikki Niccolai volunteered to take care of it.

It was suggested to have an all-school picture to also include with the gift. Roger agreed that could be done.

A Tellez/Hammond motion was made and approved to give a one hundred (\$100.00) dollar gift to the owner of the trailer.

3. Share Basket (Jodi Matthews) – Share Basket kick-off will take place during the Halloween Party held on Wednesday, October 24. Jodi stressed she will not be attending the Halloween Party and will need a team to “man” the Share Basket table. This includes emptying of the Food Drive bin and bringing the items to the cafeteria. Beth said if she is at the upper grades party she will take care of the table. Jodi shared with the new families what Share Basket is all about and what a humbling experience it is to be a part of. Jodi has already received a list of volunteers from Marie Sager and asked Roger to provide her with the number of families receiving baskets this year. Birchwood typically donates a box of beef patties per family and the Lenfestey Family/UNFI donates the turkeys. The Birchwood letter is ready to be sent out later this month and Jodi will be in contact with the Lenfestey Family as it gets closer to the Food Drive donation period. Jodi confirmed with Principal Gahart if it officially begins November 1st or immediately after the Halloween Party; Roger indicated it can begin immediately the following Monday after the four-day weekend break. Jodi indicated all notes are ready for copying and distribution. Beth mentioned to send in to try and receive a donation from Woodman’s. Jodi indicated she did last year and did not receive one. Important dates discussed with Roger were as follows: the grocery shopping night will be on November 18th, packing night will be held the evening of November 19th, and families pick up their Baskets on November 20th.

The funding request for this event will occur next month. PSO typically donates one hundred (\$100.00) dollars per family.

4. Through Nora’s Eyes Follow-up (Beth LaBell/Margie Blair) – The fundraising event for Nora Lawton took place this past weekend. A cash and candy jar with a one hundred (\$100.00) dollar bill inside was provided for a raffle and it most likely did well. Beth has not been given an update yet.

IV. SOCIAL AND ENTERTAINMENT

1. Halloween Party (message from Becky Keel) – The Halloween Party has been set for Wednesday, October 24, 2018. This year’s theme is “Monster Mash.” The DJ is booked and costs two hundred fifty (\$250.00) dollars. The Town of Paris donated three hundred (\$300.00) dollars

for the Halloween Party, which leaves fifty (\$50.00) dollars remaining. Three hundred (\$300.00) dollars was also approved by PSO in September. Texas Roadhouse is donating bags again this year. The flyer is done and ready to be sent home with students.

V. TEACHER AND STAFF SUPPORT

1. Teacher Wish Lists – Theresa Schwer will be chairing this again. Full-time and part-time teachers will receive one hundred fifty (\$150.00) dollars and seventy-five (\$75.00) dollars, respectively. There are sixteen full-time and four part-time teachers.

A Ludwig/Niebuhr motion was made and approved for PSO to allocate two thousand seven hundred (\$2,700.00) dollars for Teacher Wish Lists.

VI. FUNDRAISING

1. Panther Prowl (Beth LaBell) –

T-shirt / Sponsor Updates:

- Beth showed the design of the Prowl T-shirt. It has “Paris School Organization” on it as well as a flag and a Panther Paw. The shirts will be red.
- Two new sponsors: Absolute Chiropractic + Wellness and Northern Plumbing
- Sponsorship donations have already been deposited.

Other Updates:

- Donation pick-ups will begin this week.
- Pledges are due Monday, October 10th to be eligible for Prowl prizes.
- There will be a Pig Roast courtesy of the Kordecki Family. A promo flyer will be sent home soon.
- Kwik Trip is a sponsor and donated a one hundred fifty (\$150.00) dollar gift card which will be used to purchase buns and water.
- Kris Kordecki has volunteered to take over the Concessions part of the Prowl and will be overseeing Kathy Jones.
- The bake sale sign-up sheet will be going home with students soon.
- Students are encouraged to wear Spirit Wear on Monday, October 8th and pictures will be taken to hang up around the school to hype up the Prowl that is approaching.
- Beth needs volunteers to help with the Mystery Bulletin Board on Thursday.
- Valeo’s will be sponsoring the classroom pizza parties for those classes in each wing with the most pledges. Every pledge counts!

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

1. POPS (Nikki Niccolai) – The first Paws Store of the school year will be held on Wednesday, October 10th and will continue to be held the second Wednesday of each month thereafter. Nikki received a great number of volunteers and has sent out an email asking for their availability. She will take as many volunteers possible for the first store of the year; there is a lot to take care of with new products and set-up.

Nikki is in contact with the Middle School staff regarding Panther Bucks. They will let her know what they could use for their bins.

2. Facebook Page – We officially have a Facebook Page and we are encouraging people to “like” the Paris School Organization page. It is a great tool to advertise events or important things coming up.

In addition, we are still trying to figure out a way to fundraise to out of town family and friends. Jenna Hass mentioned Carthage College uses Snap! Raise and Beth will look into it.

3. Additional items (Principal Roger Gahart) – It was mentioned that when the PSO took over POPS from the staff early last school year the playground equipment was wanted to be purchased with the money that was left over. Examples of playground equipment include playground balls and jump ropes. Jenna Hass works for the Boys & Girls Club of Kenosha and volunteered to go through all the playground equipment they have there; there is an abundance and it could possibly be donated to our school.

Collection of BoxTops was also re-visited. We all agreed that this program requires so much time with very little return that it does not pay to continue with it. Nikki volunteered to do it and Roger did not discourage it, but he said she does not have to. It was mentioned that Kristina Klabunde may have an interest in taking over, but it will be on her own time. Roger does not expect anyone to continue with this program.

**Next Meeting:
Tuesday, November 6, 2018
This meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm**

Respectfully Submitted By:
Jodi Matthews, Secretary
Minutes Approved: November 6, 2018