

AGS PTO Board Meeting

Monday, April 14, 2014

Members Present: Marcie Mefford, Kim Ambrose, Debbie Rempert, Jen Meiring, Nancy Kerr, Amanda Davis, Somya Bergman, Susan Sokolinski, Debra Nielsen, Jan Wright

Members Absent: Dawn Scheck

Guests Present: Charlotte Vrba, Kathy Evangelista, Nata-Leigh Preas

Meeting was called to order by President Kim Ambrose at 6:30 pm.

Welcome & Introductions: All board members introduced themselves as two new board members were in attendance for the first time.

Secretary: Secretary Dawn Scheck was absent. Marcie Mefford agreed to take minutes in her absence. However, Kim reported the calendar of events for next year is being worked on and will be presented as soon as it is completed.

Treasurer: Both Amanda Davis and Charlotte Vrba reported out as the transition period between the two of them continues to take place. Charlotte reported \$300 was received from Hoover Wood school to go towards the ECC. There is a check in her file from JB Nelson. The AGS PTO has received \$900 so far since a request was made for a donation from each of the other 5 elementary schools in Batavia. Flower Sale with pre-orders and Cash & Carry should bring in about \$1600. Chuck E Cheese fundraiser made \$174. Spring Clothing Sale brought in \$3761. Fun Fair total was \$8665. Gator Gold should turn out to be \$2000 by the end of the year.

Communications: Marcie reported that she has contacted Erika Mochal to see if she plans to continue with the Gazette next year, however, she has not heard back from Erika. Website needs to be cleaned up. Brian Nallenweg had told Marcie he would complete this task several months ago, however, it has not been done. Kim A will has also contacted Brian N. in regards to teaching Marcie how to convert PTO emails to new board members' personal emails.

2nd Vice President: Somya reported there was only one Special Appropriation request. Tamra Ashby has requested 2 CD players for the LRC. Each costs \$275 with a total of \$600 for both plus shipping. This is \$100 more than what is left in the Special Appropriations budget. The Finance Committee has suggested the AGS PTO Board approve this request by Tamra Ashby hoping the extra \$100 can be taken from a line item elsewhere in the budget. The AGS PTO approved the purchase of 2 CD players for the LRC. Somya reported she has 2 Finance Committee members returning for next year (Katie Sudler & Julie Adams). She needs to find a new teacher representative as Mrs. McBeath is retiring at the end of the school year.

1st Vice President: Jen reported the yearbook was submitted and will delivered to hand out to students in May.

Classroom Support: Nancy reported planning for Teacher Appreciation Week is well underway. She held a meeting with room parents back in March to plan the events throughout the week. There will be chiropractic messages each day during the week. Each classroom teacher K-5 plus specials teachers will

receive an electronic pencil sharpener. ECC will receive iTunes gift cards. Tuesday is Door Decorating and wear your teacher's favorite color. Wednesday is Staff Breakfast. Parents can sign up through SignUp Genius. Thursday is Flower Day and bring your teacher's favorite snack. Friday is Staff Luncheon (Salad bar) with sign up through SignUp Genius as well. Teachers will receive pencil sharpeners on Tuesday morning once announcements are read. GUS winners for that week will be asked to go to the office to get the pencil sharpeners and present to their classroom teachers. Nancy is in need of other volunteers to decorate doors for specials teachers. It was agreed we will continue to have a PTO breakfast the first day of school. Attendance was good this year and we were able to fill some empty positions. Teachers will be on the blacktop on the first day of school holding signs so students know where to go on the first day of school. Parents will not need to check into the office to attend the PTO breakfast.

Ways & Means: Nata-Leigh Preas gave an update on the planning of the 1st Annual Parents & Teachers Night Out which will be on Saturday, May 10th at the Moose Lodge from 6-10 pm. Teams will be able to pre-order pizza from Pal Joey's. The cost will be \$15 for cheese and \$17 for meat. Jim Mertes and Steve Mefford will help with the AV portion of the evening. Jill Stevens is signing the contract at the Moose. Nata-Leigh needs 10 trivia questions for the evening. Jan Wright stated she will help come up with questions. Nata-Leigh also wants to get 20 raffle prizes that are worth approximately \$15 to use that evening. She is also going to come up with some type of tacky trophy to give to the winning team. Kathy Evangelista reported the Spring Resale went really well. She does, however, need a co-chair for next year. During this Spring Sale the scanning guns helped tremendously as the checkout process went much smoother. Kathy stated that some of the profits from this sale needs to be used to re-invest in the sale. The current signs are heavy and hard to store as they take up a lot of space. She wants to use approximately \$1500 for new signage. Her thoughts are perhaps banners with no specific dates and they will be put out the week before the sale. The city allows us to put signs out 2 weeks prior to the sale. However, banners aren't two-sided and might not last as long. Perhaps they could use vinyl wrap over the current plywood signs. Kathy also stated preparations for the fall sale are underway. The dates of September 12/13 are being discussed, but haven't been finalized. Kathy is also not sure if a spring sale will happy again next year. Deb R. reported the Funway Family Skate turned out well. There were 249 skaters which means we more than met out quota. Julie Saloga will plan another skating event next year. Specific date needs to be determined. Chipotle Dine Around is scheduled for Wednesday, April 23rd from 4-8pm. We will receive 50% of the profits. Movie Night is scheduled for Friday, April 25th. The movie Frozen will be shown. Cougar's game is scheduled for August 12th. Mefford Family won the Cougars raffle at the Fun Fair. Deb provided a sub-committee spreadsheet of that positions need to be filled. There will be a Spring Book Fair at Barnes & Noble on Tuesday, May 6th.

Teacher Lisasons: Sue Sokolinski reported are few teachers are working on a bulletin board to thank the female volunteers in the school. Sue also reported there are 24 girls participating in Girls on the Run. The 5K is scheduled for May 10th.

Principal: Jan reported WatchDOGS is going very well. May 23rd is Field Day and this has been opened up for multiple dads to come help with this event. This year Field Day will be more like a carnival so many more volunteers are needed than in the past. Parents are able to sign up for a half day or full day. Mary Jensen is making a Volunteer Spot sign up to be send out to parents. Meet and Greet for next school year will be August 14th possible. There will be a PTO recruiting table to help fill open committee positions. Jan reported about the vandalism that occurred on the AGS playground. It occurred at approximately 1:30 am. Security cameras were not able to identify anyone as it was too dark. It will take

about 2 weeks to get the playground fixed. BPS Buildings & Grounds were already notified and working on getting everything fixed. Jan asked if new family tours could occur on August 11th with just an evening time available at 6:00 pm. Then after the tours we will hold of August PTO Board Meeting. Jan reported she had recently talked with Pat Brown about the courtyard. It is in the BPS budget to fix the drainage issue. If there is money left over they will take the pond out. Jan found some benches at Costco that cost \$99 that are nice looking and can be converted into tables. It would be nice to have some of the benches/table for students to use in the courtyard. In regards to Technology, Jan wants to buy Chrome Books with the money the PTO has set aside. Tony Inglese is moving towards 1:1 across the district. Chrome Books are \$300 each. 5th grade iPads will move down to the primary grade levels. Chrome Books will be in grade 3, 4, & 5 by middle of next year. Tony has a proposal for the school board which if approved this 1:1 will be able to occur. Wild Animal Adventure looks very interesting. It's a free family event that sounds like a lot of fun. It was agreed it would be nice to have another fun, family activity that is NOT a fundraiser. More information is still needed for this event, and a date has not been selected. May General meeting has been moved to **Wednesday, May 21st**.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.