

January 12, 2015



Board Minutes

Board Members _____ present: Kim Ambrose, Jen Meiring, Somya Bergman, Amanda Davis, Dawn Scheck, Deb Rempert, Jan Wright, Nicholas Davis, Deb Nielsen

Board Members absent: Marcie Mefford, Nancy Kerr

Other guests: Sue Minnec

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm

2nd VP-S.Bergman

- Special appropriations
 - There was only one: Mrs. Stierwalt requested the funds for a book/binder holder from Good Stuff costing \$319.12.
 - Deb Rempert motioned to accept the special appropriation. Amanda Davis seconded the motion. It passed with unanimously.
 - We have \$212 remaining from the Fall special appropriations, and \$180.88 from the Winter special appropriations. The Spring allocation is another \$500. So we will have a total of almost \$900 for the Spring special appropriations.
- ECC Donations
 - We received funds from Hoover Wood.
 - Louise White should be sending theirs soon.
 - J.B. Nelson wasn't at the meeting when this was discussed so the representative wanted an explanation.
 - Grace McWayne wants to give but needs the figure out how to get around their bylaws. There are some communication issues with their treasurer, Holly, who has not responded to emails. According to their PTO president, Sue McNamara, Holly might be held up with their accountant.
 - H.C. Storm does not have this in their budget. If they have a surplus of funds, they will vote on the issue and send funds if that's what is decided.

Secretary

- Approval of the December board minutes.
 - Deb Rempert motioned to approve the minutes. Somya Bergman seconded. The minutes passed unanimously.
- Calendar
 - There have not been any changes to the current calendar however; Dawn has started creating the 2015-16 calendar. As events start to book, please inform Dawn so she can add them.
 - The board discussed the 2015-16 district calendar changes.

Treasurer-A.Davis

- We reviewed budget report.
 - The budget shows a contribution from Hoover Wood and Louise White due to invoicing.

- HR Imaging is charging for planners. Amanda wanted to know where this line item was. The board determined this is probably an error considering we didn't order/receive any planners and it was charged the day before Winter Break.
- QuickBooks
 - We are going to leave this up to the new Treasurer.
 - Amanda is happy to assist for the first months if a change occurs.

1st VP- J.Meiring

- Yearbook
 - Pictures are coming in well.
 - Jen is setting up times to work on the yearbook, 1-2 times/week.
 - She is reaching out teachers for year highlights.
- Spirtwear: Sue Minnec reported
 - Sue showed us some Spring items particularly for boys.
 - She showed basketball shorts and a dry weave shirt. We went with the darker green color. \$4-\$5 will come back to the PTO on the shirts.
 - Extra for girls are glitter headbands with "GATORS" on them. \$1-\$2 will come back to the PTO on the headbands.
 - They can do the shorts and shirts in men and women's sizes as well.
 - We discussed a possible AGS Spirit Day. Jan is going to speak with Mrs. Ashby, who runs the student council, about doing this every so often.

Classroom Support-N.Kerr via K.Ambrose

- Winter party feedback was good.
- Starting Teacher Appreciation week planning.
- FunFair
 - They are off to a slow start with volunteer requests regarding flyers and such.
 - iPads and Square need to be ready. We can download the application and use it for Movie Night the week before FunFair to test it.
 - The board should contact Nancy or Nata-Leigh Preas for special behind the scenes volunteer positions if interested.
 - Decorating will occur every Friday. This week is paper mache.
 - We could encourage older student who need volunteer hours to help.
 - There is typically a volunteer sign up in the teacher's lounge.

Ways & Means- D.Rempert

- Movie Nite
 - The next Movie Night is February 20th.
 - The students will vote on the movie. On February 13th, the students will be informed at their lunchtime which 4 movies are available. They will receive a voting ticket and submit it in provided bins.
- Dine Arounds
 - Chipotle is February 10th.
- Wolves Hockey
 - They will give \$7 off each ticket instead of giving back to the school.
 - We can schedule for any game and we do need a minimum participation.
 - Ticket prices vary depending on where we chose to sit.
 - The board decided to table this idea for next year since we already have much occurring.

- Five Below
 - We received \$94.31.
- Barnes & Noble Book Fair
 - The sales were down from approximately \$5000 to \$3800.
 - We received \$608.63.
 - Lisa Foydel does not recommend having a Spring sale and the board agreed.
 - The budget states that this would raise \$1100 so the budget will need to be adjusted.
- Returning Committee Members: Deb will have a better idea in the next 2 weeks but this is what is known.
 - Boxtops: not returning
 - FunFair: returning
 - Book Fair: returning
 - Gator Gold: returning
 - Trivia Night: returning
 - Movie Nite: not returning
 - Market Day: not sure
 - Meijer: not sure
 - Campbell Soup: not sure
 - Target: not sure
 - Dine Arounds: not sure
 - Fall Clothing Sale: replacements are Danielle Fajardo and Heather Kwitschau but would like confirmation.

Guest Speaker: Renee Culbertson

- Renee is here on behalf of the Cub Scouts, pack 103, to start the charter renewal process.
 - They have 45 active members
 - It's charter renewal time and AGS is where their charter is located.
 - They need a PTO member to be the charter representative.
 - Somya is not renewing. Jen Meiring is going to do it.

Communications-M.Mefford via K.Ambrose

- Erika Mochal will be returning to do the Gazette. The monthly calendar did not make it into the recent edition.
- Website discussion
 - The district is not going to redo the PTO websites.
 - Bob Paulin's website proposal will be resent

Principal-J.Wright.

- District policy changes
 - There are no changes at this time.
 - We discussed the new district calendar in regards to the staggered first and last days of school between the elementary and middle school & high school.
- Fundraising Goal
 - Jan distributed the results of the recent brainstorming ideas for our fundraising goals.
 - The first priority is to revamp the library; second is to provide more instructional resources; and third is to redesign the courtyard.
 - The descriptions of ALL the items are adequate and will be sent in a questionnaire to parents.

- Administrative changes
 - Angel will be retiring at the end of the school year. We will try and do something at the school level.
 - No other retirements are known at this time.

Teacher Liaison- D.Nielsen, N.Davis

- Deb showed the board a new application called Shoparoo.
 - Participants can earn points for the school by scanning shopping receipts.
 - Mooseheart has over 1 million points.
 - They send a check at the end of the year.
 - Any receipt can be used.
 - It can be used as a competition as well as one can enter grade levels.
- Assembly this Friday.
 - It will occur during the regular specials times.
 - They need 4 parent volunteers.
 - It's a Science Technology Engineering Math (STEM) assembly.
 - The school has about 4-5 assemblies per year.

President-K.Ambrose

- Board and Committee positions for next year.
 - A nomination committee has been formed and has received information about the PTO board positions.
 - Board positions filled are:
 - President: Kim Ambrose
 - 1st VP: Jen Meiring
 - 2nd VP: Dawn Scheck
 - Ways and Means: Mary Anne Callahan
 - Board positions to fill are:
 - Communications
 - Classroom Support: we may have someone
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary
- EC liaison
 - Cindy Rodriquez helps with coordinating events and the calendar but we may want to have an EC parent. The EC calendar is different than the district's with different starting dates and other non-attendance days.
 - Possibly an EC parent could do some behind the scene needs or work with Classroom Support.

Round Table Discussion

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dawn Scheck