

Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Members present included: Gina Homan, Shannon Conaway, Rita Williamson, Amber Krusey, Candy Turner, Cyndi Losey, Allison Anderson, Jacki Hitchcock, Stacey Peyton, Helen Lukes, Alissa Ronnebaum, Kay Dolan, Virginia Lake, Sarah Rothman, Nikki Sidles, Kelly Lange, Amanda Johnson, and Duana Howard.

Welcome

Nikki Sidles, Co-Chair greeted and welcomed members to the February PTO Meeting.

Treasurer's Report (Duana Howard)

PTO Funds:

Beginning Balance 1/12/16	\$24,800.52
Total Income	\$185.00
Total Expenses	\$1,815.50
Ending Balance: 2/8/16	\$23,170.02

East Funds:

Beginning Balance: 1/12/16	\$3,851.38
Income	
Expenses	
Ending Balance: 2/8/16	\$3,851.38

Total Checkbook Balance: 2/8/16 \$27,021.40

Secretary's Report (Kelly Lange)

Monthly meeting minutes are on the Independence Community Schools website for any members that would like to read them.

Old Business

All fund requests that were brought to the January PTO meeting were approved unanimously. You can read about these fund requests by visiting the Independence Community Schools website, under PTO minutes.

We are in search of new board members for Nikki Sidles (Co-Chair) and Kelly Lange's (Secretary) positions.

Crayons and coloring books will be distributed to the incoming kindergarteners at Kindergarten Roundup in March. The cost for the PTO will be about \$30.00.

New Business

The PTO would like to thank Virginia Lake for everything she did for the PTO at the Mustang Foundation. She baked and delivered the desserts, and we appreciate it. We do not yet know the amount that it brought in.

PTO Family Night will be Friday, February 26th @ 6:30 p.m. The movie will be the Good Dinosaur.

All fund requests will be due April 1st for the 2015-2016 school year. We will not be taking any fund requests at the May meeting.

Fund Requests

Virginia Lake presented on behalf of the library. Her request is for the Iowa Children' Choice Award Books for West Elementary. She reported that nominated books are read by students throughout the school year (August – February). Students throughout the state vote on which book they feel deserves the award and t's good for the library to have multiple copies since students in grades 3-6 can participate. The total cost for these books is \$99.44. This fund request was approved unanimously.

Virginia Lake also is requesting funds for the GoldFinch Award Books for East Elementary. Every year the Iowa Association of School librarians puts forth a list of 20 books. Students and teachers throughout Iowa read these nominated books. It is important to have multiple copies as all teachers at East Elementary participate.. The total cost for these books is \$93.76. This fund request was approved unanimously.

Helen Lukes presented on behalf of the 3rd grade teachers. She is requesting funds for the 3rd Grade field trip to Pizza Hut. Each student who meets the monthly reading goal is awarded a Book It certificate for a personal pan pizza. The students take a bus to Pizza Hut to redeem those certificates. They are asking the PTO to fund the drinks. 2 liter bottles of pop are \$2.99 and they need 2-3 per class. \$30.73 is requested for the January trip. This fund request was approved unanimously.

Finally, the Spring Carnival was briefly discussed members detrmined that we will advertise as much as we can and put the information on the city and school channel. We will need people to hang up fliers around town.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 where the members broke off into their committees for the Spring Carnival.

Submitted by Kelly Dolan Lange/PTO Secretary

PTO Board/Officers:

Amanda Johnson Co-Chair

Nikki Sidles Co-Chair

Duana Howard Treasurer

Kelly Dolan Lange Secretary