



Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 7:08pm in the East Media Center.

Members present included: MJ Blaisdell, Gina Trimble, Amanda Miller, Susan A Johnson, Kim Hansen, Virginia Lake, Deb Martin, Andrea Schmadeke, Nikki Sidles, Gina Homan, and Amanda Johnson.

Welcome

Nikki Sidles Co-Chair greeted members for the sixth meeting of the 2013-2014 school year.

Treasurer's Report (Gina Trimble)

PTO Funds:

Beginning Balance 01/09/2014	\$ 16,761.80
Total Income	\$ 0.00
Total Expenses	\$ 731.59
Ending Balance 02/12/2014	\$ 16,030.21

East Funds:

Beginning Balance 01/09/2014	\$ 3,384.34
Income	\$ 1,379.35
Expenses	\$ 15.00
Ending Balance 02/12/2014	\$ 4,748.69

Total Checkbook Balance 02/12/2014 \$ 20,778.90

Gina Trimble announced her resignation as Treasurer of the PTO effective July 2014. If there is anyone interested in filling the Treasurer's position please speak with someone on the PTO board.

The updated Fund Request Form has been uploaded to the PTO website. This form includes the amendment of providing pictures to the PTO of the children using what the PTO's funds have purchased/paid for.

Secretary Report (Amanda Johnson)

As of 02/12/2014 there were 112 members of the PTO including teachers and parents. New members are still encouraged even though the school year is underway.

There is a "Quick Link" for Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) on the Independence Community Schools website. Monthly meeting minutes are posted on the PTO webpage.

Correspondence

Betty Giddings was not present to provide an update for the Milk Moola, Box Tops, and Wagon Wheels program. The data below is what was provided at the September PTO meeting.

Box Tops, Milk Moola and Wagon Wheels

BTFE:

East Elementary:	\$1,253.70
West Elementary:	\$1,012.40

Milk Moola

East Elementary:	\$ 0.00
West Elementary:	\$ 114.35

**The Milk Moola program will no longer be in affect starting December 31, 2014.

Pizza Wagon Wheels

The schools get \$0.25 per Wagon Wheel. These can be found on Pizza Ranch's large and medium pizza boxes and chicken boxes.

Old Business

Family Movie Night is planned for February 28th at 7:00pm at West Elementary. This will be a free event to the students and their families. Security State Bank has donated the popcorn and popcorn bags and McDonald's has donated a "jug" of juice. There will also be a table set up showing the PTO's accomplishments. We will also have a PTO member at this table encouraging parents to sign up as a PTO member and reminding them that it is not a huge time commitment, especially for all the good things the PTO provides for the students.

Childcare will be offered during conferences effective for the March 3rd and 4th conferences. Val Maxomovich and the Silver Cord students will be overseeing this service. Childcare will be offered at both East and West in the gyms.

New Business

The Home Show in Independence this year will be held at Heartland Acres on March 22nd from 10-4. PTO will have some promotion items for the carnival at this event.

Fund Request:

Virginia Lake presented two fund requests. The first is for the purchase of the Goldfinch Award Book Set for East Elementary. This consists of 22 books that children read and get to vote on the best book. As stated in the fund request form. "The purpose of this award is to promote dialogue between students, teachers, and parents about books and to promote the reading of quality books." This fund request was approved.

The second fund request by Virginia Lake was for the purchase of the Iowa Children's Choice Award Books. The request is to purchase two sets for a total of \$153.00. Students read at least five books from these sets and then are able to vote for which book is awarded as the best book. This fund request was approved.

Carnival

The carnival date has been set for March 29, 2014 to be held at West Elementary. The carnival is the major PTO fundraiser for the 2013-2014 school year. Please start saving gently used stuffed animals and small toys to be given as carnival prizes. The carnival committees met to continue planning details. It is not too late to serve on a committee or to volunteer your help at the carnival. Please contact a PTO board member if you are interested in volunteering your time.

Donations have been rolling in. There are a large amount of "big" donations for the raffle and many items for the silent auction. Smaller items will also be used as "prizes" for bingo and other games.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Submitted by Amanda Johnson/PTO Secretary

PTO Board/Officers:

Gina Homan Co-Chair
Nikki Sidels Co-Chair
Gina Trimble Treasurer
Amanda Johnson Secretary