

PTO Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. in the Media Center at East Elementary.

Members present included Danielle Meyer, Helen Lukes, Kelsie Johnson, Gina Homan, Sarah Lewin, Sara Thome, Duana Howard, Nikki Sidles, Amanda Johnson, and Kelly Lange.

Welcome

Co-chairs Nikki Sidles and Amanda Johnson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Treasurer's Report (Duana Howard)

Beginning Balance - 9/15/15	\$13,948.48
<u>Income</u>	
No Fuss Fundrasier	\$870.74
Total Income	\$870.74
<u>Expenses</u>	
Kindergarten Table - Fund Request	\$50.00
Fundraiser Supplies/Popcorn	\$136.34
Popcorn Popper Cart	\$428.79
Mustang Pride Dance Expenses	\$131.32
PTO Meeting Expenses	\$104.78
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	\$851.23
Ending Balance - 9/14/15	\$13,967.99

East Fund Treasurers Report

Beginning Balance - 9/15/15	\$4,520.36
Income	
Expenses	
Ending Balance - 10/12/15	\$4,520.36
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Total Checkbook Balance - 10/12/15	\$18,488.35

Duana reported that there was no pop cans to pick up as of today. Also a reminder that anyone can link up to the PTO through Amazon Smile so that the PTO receives a percentage of each sale.

Secretary Report (Kelly Lange)

We have about 299 emails as of today. The PTO news went out last week to all of the parents that have submitted email addresses to us.

Old Business

Popcorn popper was used at the dance and it worked well. The cart needs to be tightened before it can be used.

The school supplies for East that the PTO has agreed to fund has not been ordered as of the meeting. Janette, East Secretary, will turn in an invoice to the PTO, as she will be the one in charge of ordering and billing.

The Mustang Dance went well, there were 78 kids in attendance. There was popcorn and drinks in the commons, balloons, a DJ and prizes for those that showed the most Mustang Pride. Questions that were brought up included whether we should continue to do it the Saturday night of Homecoming? Is it too busy? It is good to have something for the younger students but it may work better on a Friday night that is not the same night as the Homecoming dance at the High School. Future dance ideas included a Halloween dance or a back to school kickoff dance.

Jenny Beatty's kindergarten table fund request was approved and it has already arrived and she loves it.

New Business

The carnival committee will start meeting in November and we will decide if we are going to need to use the carnival as a fundraising event or if it will be just geared to having fun. If anyone would like to be on the committee, please let someone on the PTO board know.

The PTO was awarded the Friends of Education at the School Board meeting on September 21st for all the extra things the PTO has done this year. There was a request that we put this in the monthly newsletter and on Facebook so others are aware of this award.

The Fall Fundraiser dates have been finalized and were pushed back from the dates we decided on during the last meeting. The board has also put together a teacher information sheet and visited both East and West Elementary schools to discuss the fundraiser with the teachers and answer any questions they had. Nikki and Kelly prepared for an assembly and put together a slideshow for East Elementary. The kids were very receptive and it was fun. At the end of the assembly the kids did the Independence Fight Song and that is posted on the website and Facebook page. We had a great packet assembly night and would like to thank all the teachers that took the time to put packets together for the fundraiser. With your help it only took us another hour to get everything put together.

Nikki Sidles researched the cost for the inflatables should the students raise \$20,000, and reported it would cost approximately \$1,500.

We will be advertising the fundraiser more as we plan to send out a one call. We were also considering putting it in the paper and consensus among the PTO members is that yes put PTO fundraiser into the paper and on Channel 8.

At the open house we will also have a table set up to try to promote the fundraiser too.

Living History Farms and Camp EWALU had their field trips, all 100% funded by the PTO. Nikki read an email about EWALU from Mr. Moen and Mrs. Thome, who was in attendance at the PTO meeting, discussed how much fun they had and how great the experience is for the kids.

PTO shirts are available if anyone would like to use to use them at events. They are currently located in the PTO closet and we would be happy to allow people to borrow one if they want.

The teacher conference meal is coming up in November. We usually do subs and get quotes from both Subway and First Street Deli. In addition to subs we will offer chips, water, and desserts. We need to get a sign up done for this.

Every year the PTO has done 2 \$500 scholarships through the Dollars for Scholars but a few years ago one scholarship did not get claimed, as one of the requirements weren't met. Due to this we have asked that that \$500 be applied to the scholarship this year. We will vote via paper ballot to determine whether we want to fund an additional scholarship this year, making it two total. This request was approved unanimously. The question also came up as to whether or not we should keep spending the \$1000 on scholarships or if it should be spent on JK-6th graders. We may look into selecting who we want to give the scholarship to, we just never have done this in the past.

Upcoming Events:

We will be having a movie night on November 20th at 6:30 and plan to show the movie Inside Out.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Submitted by Kelly Lange/PTO Secretary

PTO Board/Officers

Nikki Sidles - PTO Co-Chair

Amanda Johnson - PTO Co-Chair

Duana Howard - Treasurer

Kelly Lange - Secretary