

PLMS PTO met on Monday, April 28th at 7:00 in the PLMS Library. There were 12 people in attendance.

Welcome:

The meeting was called to order by Theresa Bowser.

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the March PTO meeting were distributed and should be available on the PTO website. Members present approved minutes as shown.

Treasurer's Report

The current balance is \$6,404.43. Expenditures since the last meeting include \$1998.54 for the Book Fair (proceeds were deposited in March); \$201.74 and \$749.95 for concession stand bills, \$150.00 for concessions startup funds, \$60.00 for Secretary's day gifts. Deposits included \$2434.52 from concessions stands, \$102.00 from Are you Smarter than a 5th Grader.

The audit of the PTO books will take place this summer.

Funds were requested for the following:

- \$100.00 for the 8th grade party. This was not approved because the party is not a school-sponsored event. Similar requests in the past have not been approved.
- For Ms. Carey's class to attend the movie Prince Caspian. This expense of approximately \$66.00 was approved.
- \$80.00 earned by 8th grade class through Box Tops for Education will go for an ice cream or similar treat during the 8th grade Reward/Cook-out day. This is in lieu of using the money toward the Worlds of Fun trip since funds for this have already been collected.
- Per Mrs. Zimmerman - Teacher Wish List, Mr. Boswell is requesting micro-slide viewers and set of the cards to use with them. PTO approved to pay for 2 sets and 3 viewers, the purchase to be made through the school and PTO will reimburse.
- Mrs. Romero is requesting 4 sets of 2006 edition encyclopedias at \$300 per set for the classrooms. Discussion included why 2006 editions -most recent edition is twice as expensive, why encyclopedias needed instead of computer-based or internet-based research tools - problems with computer availability and quality, speed of connection, quality of learning from books vs computer. The request was tabled until next meeting with additional input from teachers wanted.
- Theresa requested approval to purchase cinnamon rolls for the teachers during their work days before school starts in August. This was approved.

Are You Smarter than a 5th Grader Fundraiser

It was reported that the event was held April 12. MC was Jimmy Wilkins. Many very nice prizes were given away. The kids did a great job and it was very entertaining. It was determined that Mr. Landis (at least on this night) was not smarter than a fifth grader. Many thanks to those who agreed to participate. As a fundraiser, it was not very successful taking in about \$250.00. It was something new and may have had competition from other activities. The committee is to provide suggestions for improvement and/or recommendations for trying the event again to Theresa.

Concessions:

Details for the profits from the two track meets were provided. The Taco dinner on April 7th along with the Perry Relays was less successful than in the past. Profit was estimated at about \$177.00. The weather was poor and it was the same day as a certain basketball game. More of the supplies were purchased including meat, chips, containers from leftovers from the wrestling regionals. Ice was purchased through Boosters and \$20.00 is due to Lori for the containers. Donations were received from 1st State Bank - water, 7th and 8th grade parents - desserts, 5th and 6th grade parents - picante sauce. Left over picante sauce and chips were suggested to be used for teacher appreciation and 8th grade party.

Scout Project:

The Spirit Wall tiles are scheduled to be cemented to the wall but not grouted in the PLMS lobby area by May 22nd. Eliza has arranged for a professional tile installer to do this work. Less than 100 tiles have been completed. The remaining tiles are to be done by May 5 and fired by Sunfire Ceramics by May 13. The wall is to be complete by the 29th. The trim has not been determined yet. Eliza may need some help with that. Some of Mrs. Drummond's tiles may be added. The Center Design is a Kaw Logo with PLMS. The profit is expected to be \$350 - \$400.

Dare Graduation - May 2

5th Grade parent Jaye Daniels requested funds to purchase punch and cookies for the Dare Graduation. Purchase of up to 16 Dz cookies and punch at a reasonable prize was approved. Jaye will coordinate.

PTO committees for next year

Theresa reported the Gina is willing to do Box Tops and Thriftway again next year - for the last time. Angie is willing to coordinate concessions for track and wrestling. We are looking for a new head for the Teacher Appreciation Committee. Other committee heads have not responded whether they wish to continue or not. Please contact Theresa.

Other Business

- Ice Cream Social - It was tabled until next year whether to do ice cream with the Open House. Mr. Landis indicated that the "Open House" might have a different format next year. It may be changed to an orientation format.
- Summer Skills Workbooks - Theresa will send out order forms with a short deadline.
- Spirit Wear - Theresa will find out if order forms can be sent out with registration packets. Theresa will put together an order form. Discussion of a design without "Middle School" that would move on to the high school with the students and maybe be purchased by high school students. Keep the royal blue color.
- Theresa requested ideas for next year. These can be emailed to Theresa now or save them for next year.
- Hupe Award - Theresa is on the committee. This is an award that is made to a teacher from the Endowment Association.
- Theresa reported that the PTO should soon receive a donation from Payless ShoeSource Foundation for @ \$250.00. The Foundation makes a donation to the qualifying organization chosen by the employees who complete and report community volunteer hours. Thank you, Theresa for choosing PLMS PTO.

Box Tops

Year to date there have been 5226 box tops turned in. Details by grade level for this year were provided: 1483 for 5th grade, 1169 for 6th grade, 1550 for 7th grade, 471 for 8th grade, 553 no class identified or from the community. Awards are given when a classroom collects 100 box tops. Check out www.boxtops4education for chances to win bonus box tops for the school. Also, find recipes, activities, and lots of fun stuff.

Thriftway

Collections of receipts for Jan 1 through April 30 are going well. All receipts need to be turned in by May 2nd as there is a very short window to bundle them up and mail them in. Mrs. Zimmerman will review the catalog to give Gina ideas of what we might want to order.

HyVee Dollars for Scholars

Collection of receipts is behind last year. About \$60.00 has been earned so far. Receipts for the entire school year are valid for this program.

Tyson Labels

No report.

Teacher Appreciation

Teacher Appreciation week is May 5 - May 9. The committee will be doing several things for the teachers during the week including breakfast one day, snacks, goody-bag, notes of appreciation.

Teacher's Report

Mrs. Zimmerman was in attendance. She delivered the receipt for the Pizza for the AR Late Night. She reported that the 5th and 6th grades are doing MAP testing. Also, Science assessments are underway.

Principal's Report

Mr. Landis reported that some of the fundraiser money has been used to purchase a popcorn machine so that there can be one in each concession stand and perhaps it can be used in the commons area. It has been determined that there is a way to make a projector from the TV so a large screen is not need. He requested input on best day for next year's PTO meetings and confirmed no December meeting is wanted. He mentioned the new EZPay option for paying for school lunches. Parents requested that the schedule for next year have elementary track meets, fun days and 5th-6th track meets on different days to avoid conflicts. Also, several parents expressed that the middle school needs to do a better job of getting communications to the parents. In particular, a belated note concerning the vocal music program was mentioned since the note indicated that students should be dressed in a particular manner that had not been communicated previously. Discussion that receiving newsletters on the internet is not always practical, but parents are invited to request that the office send paper newsletters to them. Consensus was that communications need to improve and that this is a major source of frustration for parents.

Important Dates

- April 29 PLMS Vocal Concert
- May 6 5-12th grade Band Concert -
- May 6 National Teacher Appreciation Day
- May 7/8 Mr. Jones' last concerts
- May 14 Physicals \$25
- May 17 High School Graduation
- May 19 8th grade Cook out/Awards assembly
- May 20 8th grade WOF trip
- May 21 8th grade graduation
- May 22 5/6th grade track meet, movie in afternoon
- May 23 last day of school half day, 7th grade assembly am
- Next meeting in August - August 25th. Have a great summer!

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.