

PTSA Meeting Minutes November 18, 2013

Present: Deanna Louis, Kari Honer, Tezra Menne, Pam Moser, Tanya Webster, Jill Plonka

The meeting was called to order by President Deanna Louis.

The secretary's report was approved as written.

Treasurer's report: Current balance is \$4091.62.

Old Business:

Mrs. Schmitz has tentatively set a date for the Family Fun Reading Night for January 30, 2014. Mrs. Clary and Mrs. Steinmetz are helping her with the project. Jill will ask Mrs. Schmitz if she needs funding before the date or if she is going to submit receipts afterwards for reimbursement.

Boxtops/labels/milk caps first pickup of the school year profit was \$1579. Tezra also reported that we have a \$79 credit with the company that takes cell phones. Jill gave a check to Kari from the proceeds from the Target REDcard and that was just under \$34. We may also have collected enough Labels for Education to order some playground balls for the elementary students. Jill reported that the ball situation in the elementary is dismal as kids are playing kickball with basketballs. We will work on getting some decent kickballs for the playground.

Semester Star program for the High School Students: Mrs. Crook said that the Bulldog P.R.I.D.E list of core values that Kari had put together was an acceptable prerequisite for nominating students for the recognition. We will honor one student from each grade 9-12 each semester for a total of 8 students a year. We would like the nomination forms turned in for first semester before the January 20 meeting – date still to be determined. Winners will be selected by the PTSA members attending the meeting. Each Semester Star student will receive a gift of \$25 cash or a gift card in the same amount (to be determined but we are leaning towards the cash gift). Recipients will have their pictures taken for the Richland Observer and the school website. We would also like to give a certificate to the honored students at the awards banquet in May and we will ask Mrs. Crook if she would like to present the certificates.

Deanna gave Mrs. Moser some Dairy Queen cone cards for the MS rewards program. Mrs. Moser reported that the first quarter prize drawing was held with 89 names eligible and 61 prizes given out.

Spiritwear order forms went out with the kids last week. We've already noticed some online purchases. Deanna has set the date to pick up items tentatively as Wednesday, December 18 from 3 – 5 pm. There is a link on the PTSA Facebook page and the school website to the WinWin company if you are interested in ordering online. A bonus with this company is that our school will get Boxtops credit for each t-shirt purchased.

We discussed the draft of the bylaws. Kari informed us that we are not a 501(c)(3) organization so that will be struck from the draft. Deanna mentioned that we may want to have the officers have 2 year terms with 2 officers changing each year so that incoming officers have "veteran" officers to work with. We will discuss this further at the December meeting.

Vending Machine: Doug and Deanna Louis have put A LOT of time and energy into getting it running. It is currently working and the PTSA would like to thank the teachers and office staff who have helped out when it has not been working correctly.

New Business:

Spiritwear for next fall – Deanna will look into a couple of companies, including local ones, to see what prices are. We will put in an order very early (May) so that we have items to sell in time for Homecoming.

Selling Spirit Items at Wrestling and Basketball games: Tezra offered to sell (seat cushions, bottle cozies, magnets, window clings and the Ithacaopoly games) at the home wrestling meet on Tuesday, December 3. Jill will get the items to Tezra. On Friday, December 20 are home boys and girls basketball games vs. DeSoto so we are anticipating a big crowd for that evening. Jill and Tanya offered to sell spirit items that evening. Jill will put the notification on the Facebook page when we will be selling these items and prices.

Jill wanted to do a Holiday Coloring Contest for the elementary school and give a \$5 Culvers gift card to the winner in each grade 4K-5th. Deanna thought this was a fun idea and everyone else agreed. Jill will take care of getting the coloring sheets to the teachers. They will need to be handed in by December 13 so we can vote for the winners at the PTSA meeting on Monday, December 16.

We received a flyer on creating a themed Christmas tree for the Richland Center Rotary lights in Krouskop Park. We do not have time to do it this year but next year is a definite possibility. Deanna will keep an eye out for discounted tree lights in purple after Christmas.

The next meeting is Monday, December 16, 2013 at 6 pm in the Commons.