

## PTSA Meeting Minutes July 5, 2017

Present: Charlene Layton, Jodi Abarca, Melanie Foege, Mary Foege, Mary Hess, Jenna Alt, Jill Pinkstaff, Melissa Sprecher, Monica Kershner, Kim Jonquist, Michele Wobschall, Gia Maestri, Jen Waldner, Vicki Meyer, Susan Bloczynski, Jill Plonka, Pam Moser

The meeting was called to order by Susan Bloczynski at 5:36 pm at the Center Café Banquet Hall in Richland Center.

### **Elections**

**President, 2 years:** Jill Plonka nominated Susan who accepted the nomination. Melissa made a motion to close the nominations and Vicki seconded the motion. Motion passed. Melissa made a motion to elect Susan by unanimous ballot, seconded by Melanie. Motion also passed. Susan was elected to a 2-year term as president.

**Treasurer, 2 years:** Susan nominated Kim who accepted the nomination. Michele made a motion to close the nominations and to unanimously elect Kim for treasurer. Susan seconded the motion. Motion passed. Kim was elected to a 2-year term as treasurer.

**Secretary, 1 year:** Kim nominated Monica who accepted the nomination. Susan made a motion to close the nominations and to unanimously elect Monica for secretary. Vicki seconded the motion. Motion passed. Monica was elected to a 1-year term as secretary.

### **Additionally**

**Thank yous:** From Sue Grassman, Cindy Schmitz, Renee Gabrielse, Mary Hess, Riley Crook, and McKenzie Foege.

**Books on the bus:** Susan asked the members if they wanted to officially vote to donate \$300 towards Mrs. Walker's and Mrs. Wobschall's books on the bus program. Gia made a motion to approve funds towards the program and Melissa seconded the motion. Discussion: Jill asked Michele to inform members who may not be aware of the program what it entailed and how many books they would need. She said they got the project approved through the State Patrol and Dave Wanless (he has since resigned). They are planning on putting 6 pouches on all 6 route buses and were looking for either monetary or book donations – mostly in the elementary range. The goal of the program is to provide books for children riding the bus to read and to encourage interaction between older and younger students by having the older ones sit with and read to the younger kids. It may also help with behavior problems on the buses. Members then voted unanimously to donate \$300 to the program.

**FBLA:** The students – Austin, Therese, Diego, and Julia - that went to nationals represented our school and our state very well! Diego and Julia placed in the top 20 during the first round but did not place in the finals. We are VERY PROUD of our students!!

**PTSA Discussions Page:** Susan discussed starting up the PTSA Discussions Facebook page again where we can add members who would like to be active and discuss ideas, activities, and volunteer opportunities but are unable to make meetings. It will also give us the ability to start threads to discuss committee projects. This would be different from the PTSA Facebook page which is an informative page for announcing things to the public.

**Survey:** Susan also passed around a survey for members to select which committees they may want to help with and to select which day and time works best for us to have meetings throughout the year. Some of these committees include: Fair/Homecoming, RR1 popcorn sales, Christmas activities,

Halloween activities, Elem./MS yearbooks, Teacher Food/Treats, Sunshine, and Friday Elem. Popcorn sales. Other committees will likely be added as the need arises. Susan emphasized that members do NOT have to attend meetings to be active in the PTSA and that she knew many parents who want to help out, but find meetings hard to get to. So her solution is to join a committee and help out with how ever many projects your time allows for and the projects that interest you. All volunteers are welcome!

**Other:** A few ideas were suggested for us to discuss at the next meeting. Homecoming – Selling baseball caps, doing a nickel carnival/games, having printable t-shirts on site, renting a cotton candy machine, talking to Lana Kennedy about borrowing/renting her icee machine. Melissa wanted Susan to add discussing funding the door decorating contest and the Teacher Appreciation meal to the next agenda as well.

Thank you to those members who brought treats and snacks this evening!

The next meeting will be **Wednesday, July 19 at 5:30 at Kelly's Coffee** at 196 W. Court St. in downtown Richland Center to discuss the many projects we would like to do this school year and to nail down some items for Homecoming/Fair. Hope to see you there!!

Michele made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jill Pinkstaff seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm by President Susan Bloczynski.