

Swift Creek Elementary PTA Meeting- October 11, 2016

Meeting called to order by Marie Dexter at 6:30pm

Approval of September Meeting minutes

Motion- Kim Partin

Second- Megan Sedaghat

September Meeting minutes approved

Treasurer's Report

RAZ program- paid with last year's Painless Fundraising money

Reflections Committee

Information sent home last week(week of Oct. 3)

Friday, Oct. 28 is the deadline for submitting entries

Reminders will be sent home on Oct. 18

Entries can be stored in Ms. Schwartz's room

Judging will occur the week of Nov. 1-4- Ms. Schwartz has helped to procure artistic judges to help

Entries due to Wake County by Nov. 14

How can we increase interest?

- Former participants could talk about their experience on the announcements

- We could display previous entries

- Put up poster displaying this year's theme

- Create a video to show on the announcements or send teachers a link to show video to their classes

- Ms. McCollum could encourage students in Before School care to work on entries

Membership

Set up a membership table at the Family Night at the Bookfair

Megan Sedaghat will look into teacher membership

Grade Parents

Ms. Wright still needs a grade parent

Third grade parents from other classes could help to support Ms. Wright

Marie Dexter will send home a letter in Tuesday folder next week

Hospitality

Due to Bookfair, the Early Release luncheon on Friday, Oct. 21 will be catered by Jason's Deli- meeting will be moved out of the library(possibly 212?)

Fun Run

Signup Genius to help with Fun Run- you may email Delores Ragsdale if you would like to volunteer

Third Grade- Nehal will contact Ms. Wyrch about getting bananas to them- possibly take to third grade classrooms in the morning

Kim Partin will speak with Ms. Miller about making a phone call to remind about the Fun Run

Bookfair

Signup Genius needs to be sent this week to parents about helping with Bookfair

Family Night will be Tuesday, Oct. 25- teachers may dress up and will be leading activity(either game or question) for children with prizes

Dinner will be provided- cafeteria staff will be serving

Confirm about who will be serving (teachers?)

Fun Run will make Bookfair coupon prizes to give to students who raise a certain dollar amount for Fun Run- the Fun Run will pay

Ms. Hartley ordered grade appropriate books for all students to be delivered to teachers

Copycats Program

Parents or community members can sign up to come and make photocopies for staff

Sign up needs to be consistent so that teachers can plan

Delores Ragsdale will modify the sign up for Monday and Friday

Next meeting is Thursday, Nov. 3 (date change from Nov. 8)- meeting will start at 6:30 following Ms. Chadwick's presentation at 5:15

Meeting adjourned by Marie Dexter at 7:30pm

Minutes by April Bartley, Swift Creek Elementary PTA Secretary

Swift Creek Elementary School

PTA Meeting

October 11, 2016

The goal of our PTA meetings is to communicate to all parents, teachers, and staff how we are spending your money and how we are supporting our school community. During these meetings, we also attempt to identify any upcoming needs and brainstorm solutions. All parents and staff members are welcome and encouraged to attend these meetings.

If you have questions, please send them to PTA President Marie Dexter at mariecdexter@gmail.com.

Agenda:

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Approve Minutes from Sept 13
meeting: http://swiftcreekeswcpsnetptahtml.weebly.com/uploads/2/4/2/2/24227387/2016sept13_ptaminutes.pdf
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Committee Updates
 - a. Membership numbers
 - b. Classes without grade parents – Krauter, Beauchamp, and Wright
 - c. Reflections – deadline Oct 28
 - d. Hospitality -- ER luncheon Oct 21
5. Fun Run – status of fundraising goal, needs for the day, change to 3rd grade snack schedule
6. Book Fair – Family Night is Oct 25, committee needs, food?
7. Copy Cats program – getting the word to staff
8. Principal's report – Welcome Mr. Propst

Treasurer's Report

- RAZ program – paid with last year's Painless Fundraising money

Committee Reports

Book Fair

The book fair committee is working hard to coordinate the upcoming book fair October 24th-28th. The book fair will have a pirate theme and we will be hosting our family night on Tuesday, October 25th from 5:30pm- 7:30pm. We are inviting parents to bring their children dressed in their Halloween costumes for a night of fun and prizes. We are still working on securing food donations to provide a free meal that night.

Set up for the book fair will take place on Friday, October 21st. We will be sending out a sign up genius soon to gather volunteers to help unpack the fair. Since that Friday is an early release day, we will need

to set it up early in the day. We are teaming up with the hospitality committee to use the teacher luncheon as our teacher preview event.

We are looking forward to a great fair week and would like to thank Ms. Hartley for all her help.

Cougar Counter

Our Cougar Counter is open and has some great school supplies for \$0.50 and \$0.25. We will be open every Thursday and as many Tuesdays as we can (based on volunteer help) from 8:45 to 9:15. If you would like to help and are a registered volunteer, please contact Sue Fountain at suef@netapp.com or [919-395-1446](tel:919-395-1446).

Cultural Arts

Michael Beadle will be providing a Writer Residency October 3-7 for the fourth graders at Swift Creek Elementary. His program is titled Rhymes and Rhythms. He will spend an hour each day with each of the fourth grade classrooms building their confidence in writing and exciting students to be authors.

Capital Transit will perform "From Bach to Doo Wop" on Thursday, November 10 for all grades. This is a musical performance that will introduce students to composers and various musical movements. A variety of instruments and student participation will be used throughout the performance.

Billy Jonas will be providing an Artist Residency on Thursday, January 12 for the second graders. Each second grade class will spend an hour with him using recycled materials to build musical instruments that will be used for the second grade musical at Swift Creek. Themes of recycling and sound will be expanded upon as these are two objectives within the second grade curriculum.

Moscow Nights/Golden Gates will perform on Wednesday, February 8 for all grades. This is a singing and dancing group from Russia who will perform and teach students about Russian music through song and instruments. The Golden Gates group will perform Russian dances and teach the moves that they perform.

All performances and residencies are in part funded by a grant from United Arts. Swift Creek was awarded all grant money for which we applied. Contracts are currently being processed with signatures. A check request has been submitted for final payments and when received will be delivered with signed contracts to United Arts who will process payments to each artist.

District 5 Council

Emily McGraw is our representative but she has received no notice of at District 5 Board Advisory Council meeting. According to the WCPSS website, no District 5 meeting is scheduled at this time.

Grade Parents

Helen Bass has started the year by revamping the My Favorite Things pages for the staff at Swift Creek. These pages are stored in a binder near the teacher mailboxes. They serve as a helpful reference for parents so you can know what treats and gifts suit your teacher.

We are still missing grade parents for Krauter, Beauchamp, and Wright. Being a room parent is a terrific way to feel more involved in your child's classroom. For more information, contact Helen Bass at helen729@hotmail.com.

Healthy Lifestyles

Hello from the Healthy Lifestyles Committee Chair, Nehal Outlaw! I am so excited to be heading this committee. We work with school administration and teachers to educate students in healthy lifestyle choices regarding food, exercise, and decision making. Miss Graves and I have already discussed some great plans which will not only promote physical and emotional health for our Swift Creek students but also our staff and parents!! We are the kids' role models. And- what a great way to bring our Swift Creek Community closer together.

Want to hear some our ideas already in progress?

- smoothie and popcorn parties instead of pizza parties! Still fun and yummy but much healthier.
- daily yoga/ stretching/ movement in the classroom throughout the day.
- gardening for all grade levels.
- walking for part of recess everyday, not just Wednesdays. Including the staff.
- encouraging healthy snacks/ meals for special events.

If you are interested in joining the Healthy Lifestyles Committee send me an mail:nehaloutlaw@gmail.com

Would love for you to join!!

Hospitality

For the month of September, we have had two early release days, and the PTA has provided the teachers and staff lunch on one day and a power snack on the second early release day. For October, we have Cafeteria Appreciation Week and an early release luncheon on October 21. Please look for the sign-up genius soon.

Membership

As of September 30 we have 169 PTA memberships. Last year at this time, our membership numbers were 199. Our total membership last year was 244.

Reflections

Julie sent home Reflections flyers. The deadline for content is Oct 28.

Swift Creek PTA
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
 July through September 2016

9:22 AM
 10/11/2016
 Cash Basis

	Jul - Sep 16	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Book Fair	0.00	13,500.00	-13,500.00
Cougar Fun Run	300.00	17,000.00	-16,700.00
Family Fun Night	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
Interest	0.33	5.00	-4.67
Membership Dues	810.00	1,500.00	-690.00
Painless Fundraisers	295.63	3,000.00	-2,704.37
Read-A-Book Grant	500.00	500.00	0.00
School Spirit Sales	1,073.00	4,000.00	-2,927.00
School Store-Income	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
School Supply Kits-Income	709.40	3,000.00	-2,290.60
Yearbook Income	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00
Total Income	3,688.36	49,505.00	-45,816.64
Expense			
Agendas	800.63	800.63	0.00
Book Fair - Entertainment	0.00	1,250.00	-1,250.00
Book Fair Media Ctr Books	0.00	13,500.00	-13,500.00
Cougar Fun Run - Expense	69.04	1,200.00	-1,130.96
Cultural Arts	725.00	4,000.00	-3,275.00
Drama Club	173.96	750.00	-576.04
Fifth Grade Celebration	0.00	600.00	-600.00
Healthy Lifestyles	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Insurance Bonding	290.00	290.00	0.00
Landscaping	0.00	300.00	-300.00
Membership - Expense	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
Miscellaneous - Expense	0.00	125.00	-125.00
Office Supplies	0.00	125.00	-125.00
Painless Fundraisers Expense	0.00	3,000.00	-3,000.00
Paypal fees	0.00	125.00	-125.00
PBIS Support - Store Coupons	0.00	250.00	-250.00
Principal Discretionary Fund	646.46	1,500.00	-853.54
Printing	21.35	500.00	-478.65
Printing/Student Directory	0.00	300.00	-300.00
PTA Newsletter Printing	70.08	750.00	-679.92
Read-A-Book Expenses	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Reflections	75.00	500.00	-425.00
Safety Patrol	0.00	150.00	-150.00
School Spirit Expenses	1,289.00	2,500.00	-1,211.00
School Store - Expense	276.66	600.00	-323.34
School Supply Kits	0.00	3,000.00	-3,000.00

	Jul - Sep 16	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Science Fair	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Spring Fling expenses	0.00	750.00	-750.00
Staff Appreciation/Hospitality	181.19	2,500.00	-2,318.81
Staff Assistance			
Grade level Grants	200.00	3,600.00	-3,400.00
Teacher Allocations	1,843.62	4,000.00	-2,156.38
Teacher Assistants Allocations	80.00	100.00	-20.00
Total Staff Assistance	2,123.62	7,700.00	-5,576.38
Teacher of the Year	0.00	255.00	-255.00
Track Team	0.00	125.00	-125.00
Winter Fling	0.00	250.00	-250.00
Yearbook Expenses	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00
Total Expense	6,741.99	55,195.63	-48,453.64
Net Ordinary Income	-3,053.63	-5,690.63	2,637.00
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
Carryover from Previous Year	19,263.05	19,263.05	0.00
Misc Income	500.00		
Total Other Income	19,763.05	19,263.05	500.00
Other Expense			
Surplus to be spent/Prior Year	0.00	5,614.95	-5,614.95
Total Other Expense	0.00	5,614.95	-5,614.95
Net Other Income	19,763.05	13,648.10	6,114.95
Net Income	16,709.42	7,957.47	8,751.95

Surplus to be spent/Prior Yr Proposed Wish List:		
	Jul '16 - Sept '16	Budget
Type to Learn	0.00	100.00
School/PTA website fee	0.00	39.95
All County Chorus	0.00	125.00
Tent Replacement	0.00	600.00
Flag Replacements	0.00	150.00
Student Art Magnets	0.00	100.00
Painless Fundraisers from prior yea	0.00	3,000.00
Grounds Improvement	0.00	500.00
Media Center Refresh	0.00	1,000.00
TOTAL	\$ -	\$ 5,614.95