

Swift Creek Elementary School PTA Meeting

September 8, 2015

Dina Goembel, President, called the meeting to order at 6:18pm in the gymnasium.

Here are the topics discussed at this meeting:

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Introduction of Officers and Committee Chairs

Dina introduced the 2015-2016 officers:

- Dina Goembel, PTA President
- Ann-Margaret Alexander, Vice President 1
- Kim Partin, Vice President 2
- Delores Ragsdale, Treasurer
- Marie Dexter, Secretary

She also introduced these committee chairs:

- District 5 Council, Emily McGraw
- Fun Run, Kim Partin
- Grade Parent, Helen Bass
- Hospitality, Elizabeth Worthy
- Reflections, Ann-Margaret Alexander
- Science Fair, Jennifer Miller

Summary of Committee Reports

Before the meeting, committee reports were sent to the general membership. (See the end of the minutes.) A motion to approve these reports was given by Mrs. Bratton and seconded by Ms. Windsor. Motion passed.

Proposed Budget for 2015-2016

Before the meeting, a summary of the changes to the budget (from last year) was sent to the general membership. Kim Partin reviewed this summary at the meeting.

A motion to approve the budget was given by Mrs. Ramsey and seconded by Mrs. D'Amelio. Motion passed.

Kick-off for the 2015 Cougar Fun Run

Kim Partin announced the theme for this year's Fun Run: We're WILD about Swift Creek. The Fun Run will be October 6. On this day, each grade is assigned a time for the students to run 20 minutes around the track. Students are sponsored by donations from family, friends, neighbors, and so on.

Fun Run packets will be going home with students this week. Every child who turns in a donation will be entered in the grand prize drawings. These prizes include tickets to NC State basketball, Carolina Hurricanes memorabilia, Carolina Panthers memorabilia, tickets to Marbles Museum, a Kindle Fire, and more.

Donations can also be made online by visiting the school home page. See the Donate button in the left column.

Also, each teacher is encouraged to pick an animal for his or her class. To raise awareness of the Fun Run, students are encouraged to draw a picture of their favorite animal and turn it back in to the school. These drawings will be posted in the school lobby.

ACTION: Envelopes were omitted from this year's packet. These envelopes will be sent home in next week's Tuesday folder. If you turn in money this week, please put the money and your child's sponsor sheet in an envelope (or plastic bag) and clearly label it with your child's name and teacher.

We Need Volunteers

If you would like to volunteer at the school, you must register as a Wake County volunteer. You can do this by using the computers in the media center.

The PTA is also looking for volunteers to help with its various committees. A volunteer sign-up sheet will go home in this week's Tuesday folders. Also, parents are encouraged to tour the PTA fair which is set up in the lobby of the school during Open House. You can also join the PTA at the membership booth. Membership is \$6.

Principal's Report

Ms. Kelly Bradshaw introduced the staff and then gave a presentation about Swift Creek being a Title 1 school. For more information about the Title 1 designation and what that means for Swift Creek, see <http://swiftcreekes.wcpss.net/title-one-information.html>.

Meeting adjourned at 6:42pm. The next PTA meeting is Tuesday, October 13 in the media center. Everyone is invited.

Marie Dexter
PTA Secretary 2015-16

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PTA Meeting

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We know that PTA meetings can be boring, but it is also important that the PTA communicates how we are spending your money and how we are supporting our school community.

To help facilitate shorter meetings, please review the following material before the PTA meeting on Sept 8. Please bring your questions or concerns to the meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting and you still have questions, please send them to PTA President Dina Goembel at dgoembel@gmail.com.

Treasurer's Report

Summary of Proposed Budget 2015-16

Looking over the budget can be confusing and *BORING!* We welcome you to look over the proposed budget and ask questions, but the following is a **quick list of important budget items and changes for the upcoming year:**

- **Fun Run** - Our Fun Run goal remains the same at \$20,000.
- **Painless Fundraisers** – Our income for Painless Fundraisers has been growing! The budget was increased to reflect this.
- **Parade of Pumpkins** – This event has been cancelled and removed from the budget. There are several other things going on in the fall (Fun Run, Book Fair, holidays) and teachers and parents have found it exhausting to be involved in all of these. We may combine some of the things that were done at the Parade of Pumpkins with the Fall Book Fair. The Book Fair Entertainment budget has been adjusted accordingly.
- **Staff T-shirts** – The Principal discretionary fund was increased to purchase Staff T-shirts. You may have seen staff wearing them at Meet the Teacher!
- **Cougar Counter coupons** – The PTA is giving a 50¢ Cougar Counter coupon to each student when they earn a Character Award. This was added to the budget.

- **Drama Club, Healthy Lifestyles, & Science Fair** – Budgets for these important programs were increased as needed in order to fully support them.
- **Surplus Funds** – Surplus carryover funds are being used for the following:
 - Playground equipment for each classroom
 - Replace US, NC, & Swift Creek flags to fly on flagpoles in front of school
 - Purchase of Swift Creek banners for front of school and tabletop use
 - School grounds improvement
 - Additional items: Type to learn program, school/PTA website fee, All County Chorus, TA celebration

Committee Reports

Book Fair

Need a co-chair for this committee! Currently, there is no one to chair the Book Fair committee next year. We need someone to co-chair with Christie Benjamin this year, so she can train him or her for next year. For more information, contact Christie Benjamin at cmbvet1@aol.com.

Cougar Counter

The counter is missing! We hope to have this situation resolved soon. We'll send an announcement when the Cougar Counter opens.

Cultural Arts

April Bartley has scheduled the following artists to visit Swift Creek this year:

- Michael Beadle, a writer in residence to work with the 4th graders Sept 28-Oct 2
- Silver Trout Arts – a puppet and music show on Nov 18
- The Beast – African-American song and dance. A very energetic group. Feb 19

All students will attend the Silver Trout Arts and The Beast presentations. The PTA can sponsor these events because of your Fun Run donations and PTA membership fees.

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.

Once all the classes have at least one room parent, Helen will hold a meeting in September to explain the role of the grade parent and to outline the needs and responsibilities for the school year. 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

Our Walking Wednesdays program and Cooking with Kids program will start in September. Detailed information will be distributed in Tuesday folders. For more information, contact Lisa Barrangou at lbarrangou@gmail.com.

Hospitality

The Hospitality committee has started strong this year with 2 events: the Teacher Breakfast and Early Release Power Snack. Thanks to those who volunteered their time and sent in donations.

Sela Vaughn is joining the Hospitality committee as a second chair. We are always looking for people to donate items for teacher luncheons. For more information, contact Elizabeth Worthy at Elizabeth.worthy@me.com.

Membership

As of Sept 2, we have 111 PTA memberships. Join the PTA today. See the membership booth at Open House.

Science Fair

The Science Fair is held at the end of January and is for 3rd-5th graders. We are in the planning stages and in the process of setting a date for this year's fair. We need volunteers. For more information, contact Jennifer Miller at jcmille4@att.net.

Yearbook

The Yearbook committee is looking for volunteers who like to take pictures and create pages for the yearbook. Contact Ginger Yu at d.ginger.yu@gmail.com or Mary Anne Etheridge at maetheridge@yahoo.com.

Swift Creek PTA Proposed Budget 2015-2016

Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Book Fair	13,500.00	
Cougar Fun Run	20,000.00	
Family Fun Night	1,000.00	
Interest	5.00	
Membership Dues	1,500.00	
Painless Fundraisers	3,000.00	
Read-A-Book Grant	500.00	
School Spirit Sales	4,000.00	
School Store-Income	1,000.00	
School Supply Kits-Income	3,000.00	
Yearbook Income	6,000.00	
Total Income	53,505.00	
Expense		
Agendas	896.71	
Book Fair - Entertainment	1,500.00	
Book Fair Media Ctr Books	13,500.00	
Cougar Fun Run - Expense	1,750.00	
Cultural Arts	4,000.00	
Drama Club	750.00	
Fifth Grade celebration	600.00	
Healthy Lifestyles	500.00	
Insurance Bonding	290.00	
Landscaping	300.00	
Membership - Expense	1,000.00	
Miscellaneous - Expense	125.00	
Office Supplies	125.00	
Painless Fundraisers Expense	3,000.00	
Paypal Fees	75.00	
PBIS Support - Cougar Counter coupons	250.00	
Principal Discretionary Fund	1,500.00	
Printing	750.00	
Printing/Student Directory	300.00	
PTA Newsletter Printing	500.00	
Read-A-Book Expenses	500.00	
Reflections	500.00	
Safety Patrol	150.00	
School Spirit Expenses	3,000.00	
School Store - Expense	600.00	
School Supply Kits	3,000.00	
Science Fair	500.00	
Spring Fling expenses	1,900.00	
Staff Appreciation/Hospitality	2,500.00	
Staff Assistance		
Grade level Grants	3,600.00	
Teacher Allocations	4,500.00	
Teacher Assistants Allocations	100.00	
Teacher/TA of the Year	255.00	
track team transportation	125.00	
Training	100.00	
Winter Fling	500.00	
Yearbook Expenses	6,000.00	
Total Expense	59,541.71	
Net Ordinary Income	-6,036.71	
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
Carryover from Previous Year	16,636.75	
Misc. Income	0.00	
Total Other Income	16,636.75	
Other Expense		
Painless Fundrsr PY carry over	0.00	
Surplus to be spent/Prior Year	2,489.95	
Total Other Expense	2,489.95	
Net Other Income	14,146.80	
Net Income	8,110.09	

Surplus to be spent/Prior Yr Proposed Wish List:	
Type to Learn	100.00
School/PTA Website fee	39.95
All County Chorus	100.00
Teacher Asst. Celebration	100.00
Flag replacements	250.00
School Banners	400.00
Playground Equipment	500.00
Grounds Improvement	1,000.00
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