

Swift Creek PTA Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2014

Dina Goembel, PTA President, called the meeting to order at 6:05pm in the gymnasium. This was a general membership meeting with more than 20 members in attendance, so a quorum was reached for voting purposes.

The minutes from the June 2014 meeting (the last meeting) were approved. First and second motions were made by Kristen D'Amelio and Barbara Pearman, respectively.

The financial audit for the 2013-2014 year was conducted by the PTA Audit Committee and submitted by the Aug 31 deadline. There were no major issues found during the audit.

Introduction of the PTA Officers and Committee Chairs

Dina introduced all of the current PTA officers and committee chairs for the 2014-2015 school year.

- President, Dina Goembel
- Vice President, Elizabeth Worthy
- Secretary, Marie Dexter
- Treasurer, Kim Partin
- Teacher Representatives, Mary Anne Bratton & Fran Killius
- Membership, Allison Smith & Melinda Gelsinger
- Reflections, Ann Margaret Alexander
- Hospitality, Megan Word & Elizabeth Worthy
- Healthy Lifestyles, Lisa Barangou
- Science Fair, Jen Miller
- Book Fair, Christie Benjamin, Lynn Koonce, & Hani Brooks
- Cougar Counter, Susan Fountain
- Cultural Arts, Angela Wiseman and Mark Kuttris
- Landscaping & Student Directory, Kim Partin
- Website, Newsletter & Painless Fundraisers, Marie Dexter
- Yearbook, Mary Anne Etheridge & Ginger Yu
- Spirit Sales, Christie Benjamin & Alicia Haskell

Volunteer Needs:

- **Fall Festival** – We have lots of ideas for the Fall Festival (which will replace the Parade of Pumpkins this year.) However, we need someone to take charge of that effort.
- **Science Olympiad** – We have two volunteers with science backgrounds ready to help with the Science Olympiad. However, we need someone to lead the committee.

If you are interested in either of these opportunities, contact Dina Goembel or send an email to swiftcreekespta@gmail.com. These activities will not happen without parent involvement!

Reflections Update

Committee Chair, Ann-Margaret Alexander, announced the theme and dates for the Reflections program. All items must be submitted by October 27. A packet explaining more about the program will be sent home in the Sept 16 Tuesday folder.

Wrap Up of the 2013-2014 School Year

At the June 2014 PTA meeting, the members voted to spend the Painless Fundraising money in the Art department. Ms. Cannon used the money to get a Printing Press and additional art supplies.

Food Lion is discontinuing its classroom program though MVP Rewards. Our remaining points were spent to purchase a ball and jump ropes for each classroom in the school.

At the start of the year, each teacher and specialist was given a \$125 gift card to Stones Education from the PTA. This expense was approved in the June 2014 PTA meeting.

Budget for 2014-2015

Kim Partin presented the budget for the 2014-2015 school year. Highlights from the budget presentation include:

- The fundraising goal for the Cougar Fun Run is \$20,000. We'd like to surpass that goal if possible. Without this money, we cannot do all of the activities planned for this school year.
- In the budget, Family Fun Nights refers to school nights at restaurants, such as McDonald's and Chick-Fil-A.
- We might not get the Read a Book grant from Cary Rotary this year. We are waiting to see. This program enables children who read a book to take the book home.
- The expenses for the 5th grade celebration was added to the budget this year. In years past, the PTA has paid for this celebration but it has not been included in the budget.
- This year, students will receive a 50 cent coupon to the Cougar Counter when they are recognized for a character award. Kim is still determining whether this needs to be a line item in the budget. However, this program is approved by the PTA regardless of whether it needs to show up in the budget.

The budget was passed. First and section motions were made by Mary Anne Bratton and Mary Alice Ramsey, respectively.

Cougar Fun Run for 2014

This year's theme is "Swift Creek is OUT OF THIS WORLD!" A video will be shown to the students once a week for 6 weeks to get them excited about the event. Packets (with sponsor sheets) will be sent home in Tuesday folder's on Sept 15. Each child who raises \$40 will be entered in the Grand Prize drawing.

Painless Fundraising

Marie Dexter discussed two big ways that you can raise money for our school. Clip these items and send them to school: Box Tops, Labels for Education (Campbell's Soup Labels), Kellogg's Family Rewards codes, and bottle caps from Coke products. You can also help by linking your rewards cards from Harris Teeter, Lowes Foods, Kroger, and Target. Sign-up sheets for VIC cards are in the classrooms. The Painless Fundraiser coordinator can link your VIC cards for you. However, *you* must link your Lowes Foods, Kroger, and Target cards.

Upcoming Events and Activities

- Landscape Day to clean up the school grounds will be Sept. 20th from 9:00-12:00. For more information, contact Kim Partin.

- McTeacher's Night on Sept. 30th from 5:00-8:00 pm at the McDonalds in CrossRoads. For more information, contact Marie Dexter.
- The Healthy Lifestyles committee is up and running this year and be on the lookout for new things! For more information, contact Lisa B
- Join the PTA right after this meeting. Membership dues are \$6 per person. When you join, you get coupons to Chick-Fil-A, Red Robin, Ruckus, Sweet Frog, and eBounce. The classroom with the most memberships will win a prize. Teachers are encouraged to join as well.
- Dina challenged everyone to try and attend at least 4 of the remaining 8 PTA meetings this year.

Ms. Bradshaw's Report / Presentation

Ms. Bradshaw introduced the teachers and staff. New hires include:

- Ms. Butler in first grade
- Ms. Bernstein in second grade
- Ms. Herrin in third grade
- Ms. Windsor in 4th grade
- Ms. Pearman in 5th grade
- Ms. Fountain for special education
- Shari Burton as NTS coach

Ms. Bradshaw presented information about Swift Creek's Title 1 status. For more information, see the school website.

In the next PTA meeting, Ms. Bradshaw plans to discuss the End-of-Grade (EOG) test results for Swift Creek for the 2013-2014 school year.

Highlights from Each Grade Level

Dina presented some highlights of what each grade level has been working on this month:

- Kindergarten – technology and logging in
- 1st grade – Basic word problems for math. They will soon have an in-house field trip with Science is Fun for Everyone.
- 2nd grade – On Sept 29, the second grade will be taking a field trip to the Carolina Theatre. They are also harvesting sweet potatoes and strawberries from their gardens.
- 3rd grade – Students will be have Beginning-of-Grade (BOG) test for literacy in the morning. They are also working on rounding numbers, states of matter, and writing personal narratives.
- 4th grade – The fourth graders are working on their 20 book challenge.
- 5th grade – They are discussing the economy and how students make economic decisions, division, personal narratives with dialog, and terrariums.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm. The next meeting is Tuesday, Oct 14 at 6:30pm.

Marie Dexter
PTA Secretary 2014-2015

Swift Creek PTA Proposed Budget 2014-2015

9/8/14

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	2,500.00
Parade of Pumpkins	900.00
Read-A-Book Grant	500.00
School Spirit Sales	4,000.00
School Store-Income	750.00
School Supply Kits-Income	4,000.00
Yearbook Income	6,000.00
Total Income	54,655.00
Expense	
Agendas	944.74
Book Fair - Entertainment	1,000.00
Book Fair Media Ctr Books	13,500.00
Cougar Fun Run - Expense	1,750.00
Cultural Arts	4,000.00
Drama Club	400.00
Fifth Grade Celebration	600.00
Healthy Lifestyles	300.00
Insurance Bonding	290.00
Landscaping	300.00
Membership - Expense	1,000.00
Miscellaneous - Expense	125.00
Office Supplies	125.00
Painless Fundraisers Expense	2,500.00
Parade of Pumpkins - Expense	900.00
Paypal fees	75.00
Principal Discretionary Fund	1,000.00
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	500.00
School Supply Kits	4,000.00
Science Fair	350.00
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	355.00
Winter Fling	500.00
Yearbook Expenses	6,000.00
Total Expense	59,194.74
Net Ordinary Income	-4,539.74
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
Carryover from Previous Year	13,478.24
Total Other Income	13,478.24
Other Expense	
Painless Fundrsr PY carry over	300.00
Surplus to be spent/Prior Year	1,158.95
Total Other Expense	1,458.95
Net Other Income	12,019.29
Net Income	7,479.55

Surplus to be spent/Prior Year Wish List:

Type to Learn	100.00
Science Olympiad	400.00
School/PTA website fee	39.95
All County Chorus	100.00
SchoolInfo App	499.00
Popsicles on the Playground	20.00
	<u>1,158.95</u>