

**Swift Creek Elementary  
PTA Meeting Minutes  
January 13, 2014**

Jennifer Rose, PTA President, called the meeting to order at 7:05pm in the media center.

The minutes from December were reviewed and approved by Kim Partin and Lynne Pate; first and second motions, respectively.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Kim Partin noted that there was little change in the budget from December, just a few minor income and expenses since then.

However, Kim had several items to note.

Update on Budget Item	Action
<b>INCOME</b>	
<p>The <b>School Store</b> has made only one \$94.00 deposit this year. According to the budget, the School Store sales are estimated at \$750.00 for this year. However possible explanations for the small income are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The store opened a month later than usual (at the start of the school year)</li> <li>○ The store isn’t open as regularly as it has been in years past</li> <li>○ A low inventory or variety of items (?)</li> </ul>	<p>Kim will follow up with the School Store chair.</p>
<p>Because of the late start and changes to some of the programs, Kim proposed revising the income for <b>Painless Fundraisers</b> to \$1500 for this year.</p> <p>From last year, we have \$1500. The PTA agreed to split this money among the teachers (\$250 for each grade level). The specialists will have an opportunity to purchase supplies from companies that use catalogs (such as Labels for Education, MyCokeRewards, Food Lion) rather than monetary donations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Kim will update the budget.</li> <li>● Ms. Bradshaw will let the staff know about the \$250 for each grade level.</li> <li>● Marie Dexter (the Painless Fundraising chair) will send catalog information to the specialists.</li> </ul>

We are currently only \$162 (or 27 members) under budget for <b><u>Membership Dues.</u></b>	Continue to recruit new members to reach our goal.
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
The expenses for the <b>Parade of Pumpkins</b> (\$927.97) went over the estimated budget of \$750.00. This event did bring in some money, so it essentially paid for itself. One additional expense this year was hiring a janitor for cleanup. (This wasn't required in years past.)	In next year's budget, estimate expense for this event as \$950.
A lot of the <b>Grade Level Grant</b> money has not been spent. Each grade has \$400 to spend, and the specialists have \$200.	Kim will notify the teachers and specialists about how much money is left to spend.
<b>SURPLUS</b>	
The spending in the surplus is on track. Kim was curious about the <b>Miracle League Donation</b> . When did that need to occur? Jennifer explained that someone from that organization would contact us. This was a project that Mr. Umstead was heavily involved with.	None

**Upcoming Events and Reminders**

**Science Fair and Science Olympiad**

Entry forms for the Science Fair were due Jan 10. However, late submissions are usually accepted. The Science Fair is Jan 30.

Practice for the Science Olympiad is on Fridays from 7:45am-8:45am in the gym. This event is for rising 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders.

However, if a student is interested in either of these activities, please contact Martha Weninger at [martha\\_weninger@hotmail.com](mailto:martha_weninger@hotmail.com).

**Drama Performance**

The Drama Club (along with the chorus) will be performing the Wizard of Oz. Practice is on Thursday afternoons. The rehearsal will be April 12, and the performance on April 15.

**Early Release Luncheon**

The next early release is Friday, Jan 17. The theme for the staff luncheon is pizza. A few items are still needed. If you can help, please contact Elizabeth Worthy, Hospitality chair, at [elizabeth.worthy@elliswinters.com](mailto:elizabeth.worthy@elliswinters.com).

## **New Business**

### **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebratory Day**

At the next PTA meeting, we need to approve the budget for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade celebratory day. Events usually include a graduation, talent show, and a fun activity (such as a trip to JellyBeans). The date for these events is still to be determined. Starting this year, end-of-grade testing (EOG) is the last 10 days of school. This testing will also affect the date of the Spring Fling.

ACTION: Ms. Bradshaw will review the calendar to determine possible dates for these events.

### **Art Show at a PTA Meeting**

The December PTA meeting highlighted the chorus, and the April meeting will highlight the drama club. Jennifer proposed that the March meeting highlight some of the art work done by our students.

ACTION: This idea will be presented to the new art teacher. Also, suggestions about entering student work in the State Fair and the mall exhibitions.

### **Need for PTA Officers and Committee Chairs for 2014-2015**

We need volunteers for the following PTA officer positions for the 2014-2015 school year:

- President
- Vice President

We also need these committee chairs:

- District 5 Council
- Membership
- Parent Liaison to Leadership Team
- Reflections
- Science Fair
- Science Olympiad
- Spirit Sales
- Student Directory
- Volunteer Coordinator

ACTION: Jennifer Rose will send a note home in the Tuesday folders. To plan for next year, we need to have the key positions filled by March.

## **Principal's Report**

Ms. Bradshaw had these announcements:

- Ms. Pugoda, the art teacher, resigned in Dec. Currently, there is a substitute in the art room. A candidate for the position was recommended today to Wake County Schools. If accepted, the start date for the new art teacher would be around the end of Jan.
- Babs Gallion, Literacy Coach and Intervention, will retire at the end of Jan. For the rest of the school year, we will have someone for intervention, but coaching will on hold until next school year.
- Over the next several years, the school will be participating in the SciUp Coach program, a good teaching program for language development. A coach, Sherry Williams, will be onsite at Swift Creek 50% of the time to help with this effort.
- Eleven student teachers are now at Swift Creek. As the semester progresses, they will be taking on more teaching responsibilities.
- Report cards are scheduled to go home Jan. 28. MClass testing is taking place right now.
- On Jan 30 from 5:30-6:30, Ms. Bradshaw and Ms. Wade will host a “Read to Achieve” seminar for the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders.
- On Jan 28 from 6:00-6:45, there will be an information session for students who start kindergarten in August 2014.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

**Our next PTA meeting will be Tuesday, February 11 at 7:00pm in the media center.**

Respectfully submitted by Marie Dexter, Painless Fundraising chair