

**Swift Creek Elementary
PTA Meeting Minutes
September 10th, 2013**

Jennifer Rose, PTA President, called the meeting to order at 6:30pm in the gym. The PTA meeting took place prior to the Open House.

Jennifer introduced the PTA officers to everyone.

The officers are:

Jennifer Rose, President

Jeanie Chang, Vice President (not present)

Treasurer, Kim Partin

Secretary, Ingrid Bowman

The minutes from August were reviewed and approved by Susan Woodard and Kim Partin, respectively. The agenda for tonight's PTA meeting were provided at the front of the gym. The PTA would like to have 100% of parent participation, but realize that is not always possible. Your PTA membership supports our school, so please consider joining the PTA for \$6 per person even if you can't donate your time. Spouses and even grandparents are encouraged to join as well.

Cougar Fun Run

Our school's only fundraiser is October 10th. The rain date is October 11th. We need volunteers. This year's theme is Flying High and Roaring to New Heights. Each class is given time to run around the track. The students are encouraged to run as many times around the track as possible during that time period. Swifty Cougar will be there to help celebrate. Your children saw a video this morning about the Fun Run and we are all excited about the event. Our goal for fundraising is \$20,000. A lot of families provide a flat donation. Others pledge a certain amount for each lap completed. Please come out and support your children and our school. Family can also run with the students.

Parade of Pumpkins

The Parade of Pumpkins is October 25th. It's similar to a Fall Fest and the children have a lot of fun. We sell pizza and baked goods. There are games, a bounce house and music.

Landscaping Committee

Kim Partin graciously stepped up to be the landscaping committee, but she needs your help. She will be organizing clean up days, so please be on the look-out for information in the Tuesday folder. All members of your family can help and this is a great way to get service hours (i.e. Scouts, etc.).

Student Directory

The student directory is valuable to have and is available to PTA members only. Please look for information in the Tuesday folder regarding the directories. You can provide only the information you'd like and you can also opt out of the form. If you join the PTA and check yes regarding using your contact information in the directory, then you don't have to fill out an additional form for the student directory.

Treasurer Report

Kin Parton reviewed the budget and copies of the budget were available at the meeting. Here are some highlights which Kim mentioned during the meeting. The Book Fair profits go to the Media Center. We are hoping for \$20,000 from the Fun Run. The yearbook is not income, since it's also an expense. The same goes for the School Supply Kits. We give each teacher a gift card to Stones and they also receive grant level grants. We spend \$4,000 on Cultural Arts events. The school has 3 or 4 school wide cultural arts events each year. The total income and total expenses are listed. If anyone has any questions, please feel free to reach out to Kim Partin

Miscellaneous

- ❖ Grade parents are needed, especially in the younger grades
- ❖ Volunteer registration is needed for field trips and volunteering in the classrooms. Please sign up in the media center. They are available tonight and throughout the school day.
- ❖ Please always sign in at the office when you visit our school.
- ❖ Sign up for the Swifty Cougar through the PTA website. Join the Yahoo group to receive Jennifer's messages for news about our school.
- ❖ Swift Creek is in need of a website. This website will be maintained and will be more user friendly. The cost of the website will be \$100 and we'll vote on it during this meeting. A parent will also help with the website.

The following items were voted on during this meeting:

- ❖ Create a new website for the school, \$100. First and second motions by Susan Woodard and Elizabeth Angell, respectively. Motions approved
- ❖ Application to get messages out to parents (i.e. bus information), \$749. First and second motions by Susan Rhodes and Susan Woodard, respectively. Motions approved
- ❖ Increase the drama club budget from \$200 to \$400. First and second motions by Margaret Sedaghat and Susan Rhodes, respectively. Motions approved
- ❖ Motion to approve the budget, first and second motions by Susan Woodard and Kim Partin. Motions approved.

Principal's Report, Mrs. Kelly Bradshaw

Mrs. Bradshaw thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and Open House and released the teachers to their rooms to prepare for the Open House. She is so excited to be here and believes it has been a great transition. She has an open door policy, so please stop by or call her anytime. We have a Title 1 program at our school. We have federal funding for students not meeting benchmarks. We are working collaboratively with parents and our common core is more rigorous. We want your feedback and please request information if needed. The EOG test results from last year will now be out in November, instead of October as previously planned. She discussed the Read to Achieve legislation and also the pre EOG test for 3rd graders to measure their ability. Please stay in communication with your children and teachers.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 and the Open House began.

Our next PTA meeting will held on October 8th at 7:00 pm in the Media Center.

Respectfully submitted by Ingrid Bowman, PTA Secretary