

# Prairie Lane PTO General Meeting

January 19, 2017

In attendance: Courtney Breit, Liz Moton, Jane Wilker, Anne Tiffe, Tim Nickel, Kia Nicolas, Camille Schroeder, Heidi Vanderpool, Kirstin Glinski, Mandy Taylor, Crystal Mahon, Beth Olson, Jessica Winnie, Megan Calhoun, Dina Beal.

Call to order – 7:00 pm

## **OFFICER REPORTS:**

### President's Report – Jessica Winnie

- No report

### Vice President's Report – Dina Beal

- No report

### Secretary's Report – Beth Olson

- Reviewed Minutes from last meeting on November 17, 2016, which were distributed to attendees.
- Motion to approve: Camille Schroeder; seconded by Tim Nickel

### Treasurer's Report – Megan Calhoun

- Holiday Shoppe was another success, we made \$916.30 – we made more this year; by about \$200
- Megan distributed financial reports; asked for any questions
- Motion to approve – Liz Molton; seconded by Crystal Mahon

### Principal's Report – Camille Schroeder

- Mrs. Schroeder introduced second-grade teachers, Jane Wilker and Tim Nickel, Instructional Coach, Mandy Taylor, Physical Education teacher, Ann Tiffe, and 4K teacher, Kirsten Glinski.
- Camille wanted to recognize Megan Calhoun for the work that she does on the Prairie Lane website. She had a professor from UW-Parkside comment on how wonderful it was to go to our website and have such up to date information. Thank you to Megan, for all that you do!

### Teacher Representative Report

- No report

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### Teacher Conference Luncheon – Jessica Winnie for Mel Modica

- The luncheon for teacher will be on Thursday, February 23 – it is not on Friday, as it was mentioned in the newsletter. This is a luncheon that we have twice a year during parent-teacher conferences.
- We will be providing Italian beef sandwiches – Mel will ask for parent volunteers to sign up to bring sides, desserts. A sign-up genius will be sent out soon. We really appreciate the help, the teachers do too.

### Box Tops – Jessica Winnie for Mel Modica

- Our next submission for Box Tops is February 17. Top 2 classes will earn an early morning recess.
- Make sure you check the expiration dates on those before you send them in, as they do not accept expired coupons.

### Spirit Days – Megan Calhoun

- Profit was \$440 – a lot was profit off of the Pizza. December Spirit Day item was Smencils we made about \$60 after purchasing the Smencils.
- We are looking at looking at ways to sell the remaining Smencils before the end of the year to make up for the cost. When we order Smencils they come in a box of 500.
- Courtney Breit suggested selling them at book fair.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### Movie Night – Jessica Winnie for Jessica Hedrington

- We had another successful movie night, overall kids had a good time.
- We donated 160# of food to the Shalom Center in Kenosha.
- Thanks to Jessica Hedrington for chairing the event, she did a great job!
- Any suggestions or criticism, let us know.
- We will only be having one movie night this year

### Holiday Shoppe – Megan Calhoun

- We made almost \$1000 on this event.
- The kids seemed to like this again; they get very excited to buy gifts for family and friends.
- If there are issues, broken or an item was not the right item in the box, please let Megan know and they are willing to exchange and work with us.

### Winter Parties – Jessica Winnie and Crystal Mahon

- The Winter parties went well.
- Please remember to upload pictures from events, the link is on the Prairie Lane website.
- If teachers have pictures and if you don't have time to upload them, please let a member of the board know and we can help you out.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Update on Playground Equipment – Dina Beal

- Dina has been working with facilities for Kenosha Unified School District (KUSD); they have worked with the schools who have put new equipment in.
- They recommended that we work with Lee Recreation.
- We are getting quotes for a large web spherical or pyramid shaped climbing equipment. There is a wide range, we are looking at the upper range – Sm 15-20, larger is 30 kids can fit in it and that costs around \$25k.
- Dina will receive a list of schools that have these pieces of equipment so we can look at what they have or ask them any questions about the process.
- We have asked KUSD Facilities coordinator for comparables –.
- He advised us that we will have to factor the cost of having concrete poured, which is \$4-500, then we have to get wood chips.
- We have asked Pleasant Prairie Elementary who recently added some playground equipment – they paid \$2,400 for wood chips.
- We can only get them through KUSD facilities. Once they are in they refill it at no cost.
- We are still a little a way to getting to the funds we need to buy the item(s) that we want. We have about \$10,000 to go to get to that point. We are really need to promote the Parent's Night out event to help raise the money.
- The tires were removed from the playground finally. We would like to put the new structure out where the tires were located.
- All of our fundraising dollars will be put toward the playground.

### Action Territory Night

- Tomorrow, January 20, from 4-10. 33% of what is sold comes back to our school

#### Souper Bowl

- This will be the last week of January. Event is organized by 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Girl scouts.
- Shalom Center will bring the barrels, information will go home in Thursday folders once we know who is in the Super Bowl.
- Mrs. Tobalsky's class has won this the past few years

#### Family Game Night

- This is a new event, will be held on Friday, February 3 from 6-7:30
- Our survey indicated that we didn't have any free events. We developed the game night as a result.
- Bring your favorite board game – families to come and have fun, get together with other PL families.
- Kona Ice will come – they will be there and will be in the corner to sell to families that night.
- Flier went home today.

#### Friendship Parities – Crystal Mahon

- Friday Feb 10, 4K the day before on the 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Crystal needs names of attending parents by that Monday before. Should get notifications from room parents in the next week or so.

#### Sock Hop – Jessica Winnie for Kari Ray

- We sent out a survey to get feedback from parents about the Sock Hop. Feedback was either no theme or 80's theme.
- Any clever ideas for the name of the dance – let us know. The “come as you are” dance?
- March 10 is the date, the cost of the event is usually kids pay \$5 and get pizza, drink and a cookie.

#### Parent's Night Out – Jessica Winnie

- Save the date for Saturday, April 1 – At Strawberry Creek
- This will be a nice evening out, get dressed up for a nice night out to help raise money for the playground.
- Megan and Jessica have been working hard getting donations, silent auction items – we will give a preview. We are going to do classroom themed baskets.
- There is a theme for each classroom and we will ask families to send in items that fit that theme. Those requests will go out soon, teachers will need to collect the items.
- At the end of March, we will ask for volunteers who can help to set up the baskets and make the baskets pretty.
- If you have businesses or know of business who are interested in donating items for a basket.
- Classroom baskets will be one auction and then a silent auction.
- A family who owns a printing company was willing to donate our invitations, it won't come home on a flyer – it will be a nice invitation.
- Cost will be \$30 per person to attend - \$10 goes directly to the playground.
- At the door can purchase tickets at \$40 or after the early-bird pricing. You will receive your tickets along with your auction bidding number.
- Ticket will cover appetizers and desserts.
- We are looking forward to a fun night
- All items will need to be paid for at the end of the night, we will take cash, check or charge.

#### Playground balls

- The playground balls have been seen all over the place, a lot of parents are commenting on it.
- Not sure if the kids aren't bringing them in, or if the recess staff are not bringing them in.
- Camille will talk to staff at the meeting next week. The balls are getting ruined after sitting out overnight.

### Board Positions for next year

- The President and Secretary positions are open.
- We have nothing in our bylaws that dictate how long terms should be.
- We used to do two year terms, but have decided to move them to one year terms, as we think it is less intimidating for someone to take on a board position.
- We would like to have nominations for the March meeting.

### Heart Shaped Pizzas

- Ruffolos will do heart shaped pizzas again for us this year on Valentine's Day!

### Kenosha Kingfish – Prairie Lane Night

- We will not be doing the reading program this year, but instead will do a Prairie Lane Night. \
- The event date will be Saturday, June 3.
- Cost is \$15 you get the ticket, and a hat.
- One of our kids will be able to throw out the first pitch, will auction that at Parent's night out.
- Will also look into having our choir sing the national anthem.

### Book Fair – Courtney Breit

- The next book fair will be March 2 to March 10.
- It will be a Dr. Seuss Theme for the Book Fair. Dr. Seuss night is March 2.
- This will not be aligned with Conferences this time.
- Muffins for Mom – March 7 – 7:30-8:50; Donuts for Dad – March 9, 7:30-8:50.
- Courtney will send information to Dina to put into the newsletter.

### Alpaca Art Night

- Event will be on Tuesday, April 25 –
- Liz Molton will be the chairperson.

7:45 pm – Meeting Adjourned