

South Mountain Elementary PTO Meeting

Tuesday, January 9, 2018 - 6:00 PM

Meeting called to order at 6:12 PM

Present – Traci Leffel, Carrie Foster, Pamela Knezic, Kristen Storm-Sax, Tina Scharer, Sarah Nauman, Juila Salzman, Kristen Tuttle(across).

Meeting minutes approved for December, 2017 – Julia Salzman

President’s Report – Julia Salzman

Thank you to everyone who volunteered during the month of December for events such as the bake sale, raffle baskets, movie night and others.

Treasurer’s report

Acct balances:

Activities affecting income and/or expenses for December included the bake sale, the book sale, the silent auction and spiritwear sales.

- Bake sale – made more than expected
- Book sale (Dana Pease) – confirming with Scholastic but sales were close to \$1400
 - Staff will order their books from wish list
 - Next year –discussed possibly moving the sale to during fall conferences instead of the December concert
- Brought in \$914 from silent auction which will be used for family fun events
- Spiritwear were breakeven, which is the goal

Coming up – teacher grant, teacher appreciation

A discussion was held regarding the handling of money for, during, and after events. Tracy and Renae will work on developing a procedure and envelopes to be used.

A thank you note was shared from Mrs. Marten regarding \$50 she received for books

Other thank you notes were also received from teachers for teacher gifts

No Principal or Teacher Reports given

A discussion was held regarding the position of Classroom Coordinator

- “Co-coordinators” for next year?

- Discussed having a classroom coordinator letter at beginning of year listing everything coming up.

Also discussed having a Booth at Open House to get volunteers and provide information about the PTO as well as sell Spiritwear.

There was also a discussion about having someone available to take pictures at events.

The consensus was that this is a transitional year and that there are many good ideas that will be implemented in coming years.

Discussion about Classroom Coordinators and their success with teacher gifts at Christmas :

- Varying levels of success
- Some felt that it was effective to not ask for a specific amount but to let parents decide how much to contribute
- A suggestion was made to ask teachers directly if they want a gift from classroom for Christmas or individual gifts from students and if they prefer supplies for class or more personal gifts.

It was brought to the group's attention that the school always needs clothing donations – shoes, pants, gloves, hats,

A discussion about having a summer meeting to kick off the next year

Question about Hansen's fundraiser for next year:

- Do we want to do it again? General consensus was that it was a good fundraiser that should be continued.

Discussion on Spiritwear

- Online ordering?
- Need to sell down current inventory this year before starting something new for next year. Discussed selling at spring parent teacher conferences, family night, and having a sale at the end of year

Box tops

- Next submission is March 1
- Collection will begin at end of January through Feb. 20. Box tops will be sent in by March 1.
 - Two classrooms will receive a reward
- There will be one more collection before year end
- \$799.00 was made from the last submission in November
- Goal for the year is \$2000. We are currently at about \$1,200.

Other fundraisers

- An account at Kwik Trip to collect Milk Moola
- Labels for Education is discontinuing

Popcorn Coordinator

- Popcorn machine was out of order last week. Had to reschedule for this week.

Custom Meats Fundraiser

- Just getting started
- Made \$4,445 last year and about \$6,000 previously
- Meeting to be set up with Custom Meats
- Money raised will be used for replacing classroom technology as needed

End of Year Carnival

- Need coordinators for games
- Also need an overall coordinator
- Carnival is on the last full day of school - June 5th
- A separate Carnival meeting will be held before Feb. PTO.

Friday folders

- 3 volunteers regularly – Need more volunteers!

Red Robin Fundraiser

- \$193.31 raised!

Meeting adjourned 8:12PM