

PTO Meeting, September 8, 2015, 7pm

Call to Order & Welcome - Renee Collins

Pledge of Allegiance - Renee Collins

Introductions of parents and everyone present

Carey McKiernan and Peggy Phillips at the meeting to talk to parents because they are running for the school board

Secretary Report - Jessica Griffiths; motion to approve by Liz Guibbord - 2nd by Chanda Babb - motion passed

Treasurer's Report and presentation of 2015-16 budget - Brandi Raycheck: motion to approve by Chanda Babb, 2nd by Sommer Bradds, motion passed

Letters of Communication - Dave Winebrenner; He is happy to start his first year at SLE. He thinks the new Buddy Bench is working great. Former principal Randy Willis has relocated to Florida. School board election will be in the fall. New residential development and increased enrollment is a challenge for the district, finished last year with 450 students, started this year at 471. Mrs Elder and Mrs Scruby got awarded by the Warren County Soil and Water District. A new twitter account has started for the school. School pictures are coming up next week. There was no substitute teacher for a first grade classroom last week and the district is in need of substitutes.

Parliamentarian Report - Chanda Babb. Shannon Benvenuti will do the yearbook this year. Sommer Bradds motion to approve, Renee Collins 2nd the motion, motion passed

· Available Board/Committee positions include class spirit wear tshirts, etiquette program, March Madness for silent auction, admissions, and food committee.

Teacher Representatives were Brooke Blount, Katie Montgomery, Julie Elder, and Joe Heagan. They wanted to thank the PTO and families for the support. Elections for student council is typically not until election day. This year it will be earlier. Elections will be in October. The student council will volunteer in the community. Anne Norgren is the volunteer for teacher appreciation activities. She recommended that the PTO purchase new microwaves and that recently occurred.

New Business: Snappy Tomato Pizza wants to do a fundraiser to benefit the Principal's Fund. Lifetime Fitness in Deerfield Township would like to offer a parents night out fundraiser. Juli Elder reported that funding had been pulled for refill kits for Veggie U, which promotes sustainable farming. Kids grow plants in the classroom with a lot of hands on activities. Second and third graders do this. She needs \$900 for four refill kits to be able to do the projects this year, which would start in February. For the salad bar, we have raised \$200 out of \$2,900 needed.

Old Business: Would we like to do a dance for the school? The students could bring an adult parent or other relative or friend. Ticket sales could raise money. Donated snacks could bring in additional money.

COMMITTEES

Membership - PTO membership is free.

Walk-a-Thon (Fall Fundraiser) - Sommer Bradds - Kids will be walking on the track of the school. Volunteers needed to count money on Thursdays. Friday lunch volunteers needed for the winner's table. Needs tshirt orders by Friday. Prizes will be offered each week for the room that raised the most money.

After School Enrichment - Mary Looney: The first round of classes will start soon. A new zumba class is being looked into. Each class will also be offering scholarships to students.

School Directory - Liz Guibord: The directory will come out before the holidays.

Box Tops - Jennie Reeder: Hopes to raise \$1,000 this year with donations of box tops. When sheets go out, a lot come back in. Soup labels can also be sent in. Volunteers can be used to count box tops at home.

Media - Juli Elder: Teachers should take pictures and send them to Juli for the EBBN.

Website - Chanda Babb: If anyone has anything to post, let Chanda know.

Back to School Picnic went well.

Book Fair coming up in October.

Yearbook: pictures come in but they need labeled or identified.

Volunteer Services - Chanda Babb

Staff Appreciation/Catering - This is a new combined role. This is Anne Norgren's last year.

Butter Braids (Fall/Spring Fundraiser) - Amanda Howard - plan to do the fall fundraiser in November before the holidays.

Wendy's / Kroger Plus Card - Liz Guibord: Sign up for the Kroger Plus card to be designated for the SLE PTO.

Adjourn Meeting ~ Renee Collins.