

In Attendance (20):

Executive Officers: President Jeff Turk, Treasurer Laura Ash, Secretary Jennifer Wilson

Committee Chairs: Lynzee Brenner (Art Reach), Laura Karr (Carnival), Errin Thompson (Art Reach/Carnival Co-Chair), Mandy Sanders (Labels Coordinator), Teresa Parks (Sales Fundraising)

Luce Road ECLC Representatives: Principal Donna Ingersoll, Michele Ringle, Becca Adkins

Hillcrest Elementary Representatives: Kathleen Cranna, Ashley Tuttle

Pine Avenue Elementary Representative: Kim June

Parents: Marleen Cromer, Samantha Fox, Stephanie Hernandez, Amanda Higbie, Branden Sanders, Victoria Shelon

I. Call to Order:

A. The meeting was called to order at 6:33pm at Luce Rd.

B. President Jeff Turk began with welcome and all present were introduced. Jeff reviewed the purpose of the AEPTO and how meetings work.

C. He shared the future meeting dates:

10/19 @ Hillcrest	3/21 @ Pine Ave
11/16 @ Pine Ave	4/18 @ Luce Rd
No Dec. Mtg	5/16 @ Hillcrest
1/18 @ Luce Rd	No June mtg scheduled at this time
2/22 @ Hillcrest	

D. May 2015 minutes were reviewed and placed ON-HOLD (Cranna, no second), question regarding Carnival expenses.

E. August 2015 minutes were approved (Parks, Cranna) with updates on titles for new persons taking leadership roles, Lynzee Brenner (Art Reach), Laura Karr (Carnival), Jennifer Wilson (Secretary).

II. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS and COMMITTEE CHAIRS

A. TREASURER (Laura Ash)

Consistent names were updated for line items. New request forms and line item numbers will be given to each school. Reviewed the budget sheet layout.

B. FUNDRAISING (Teresa Parks)

New program this year, "Great Lakes Promotions" (Michigan-based). Trial run at Pine Ave began 9/17, runs thru 9/28 with delivery date of product **10/21, 3-7p NEEDS VOLUNTEERS, free child care provided.**

Contract with Frankenmuth/Kleinhenn runs thru this fall. Delivery date will be **11/17. WILL NEED VOLUNTEERS, free child care provided.**

All three schools will do Clubs Choice which is supplying the carnival program in the spring. Will run 1/25 thru 2/8 with delivery date 3/3. ***WILL NEED VOLUNTEERS, free child care provided.***

C. LABELS (Mandy Sanders)

Guessing jar at Open House was a success. Many participated and winners received backpacks with school supplies. Box Tops raised \$5700 in 2014-15. Goal for 2015-16 is \$6000. There will be monthly Box Tops Contests in all classes, with traveling trophies and a prize. The Trophy Shop donated the trophies. There will be a trimming session on Saturday, ***9/26, 9:30AM at the public library VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.*** Gratiot Commission on Aging is participating with Box Tops and has given equivalent of over \$100 so far.

We are also collecting Spartan Labels, Labels for Education, and School Spirits. ***Need Parent Volunteers to collect at schools, trim, and bag in sets of 50.***

D. ART REACH (Lynzee Brenner)

Training will take place on Tues. 9/22 & Wed. 9/23 at 6:30PM at the Pine Ave library. 40 parents signed up with interest. Training packets will be given. ***Need parent volunteers at all three schools, especially Hillcrest.***

E. BOOK FAIR No report

F. PRESIDENT (Jeff Turk)

Called for vote on three officer positions. Jeff Turk (President), Laura Ash (Treasurer), and Jennifer Wilson (Secretary) were all approved.

Jeff reviewed how and why to make a motion in order to discuss business items and vote.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Jeff reported that the AEPTO presence at the Open Houses was good. 20-30 potential volunteers signed up. In order to insure follow-up and encourage participation, he suggested a phone call to each person who signed up. Find out more specifically where parents want to connect, make sure they know about the monthly meetings, the volunteer needs/dates, and other opportunities.

B. Teresa (Fundraising) specifically requested more help with all aspects of the fundraisers, including distribution of materials at schools and especially on delivery dates (10/21, 11/17, 3/3)

C. Motion was made (Turk, Ingersoll) to move the Fundraiser accounts to non-zeroing accounts. This will allow funds to carry over from year to year and to accrue in order to make larger purchases. Discussion followed. Motion was approved.

D. Question was asked about whether Pine Ave will have their 5K run during the 2015-16 school year. Jeff asked Pine Ave rep Kim June to ask Mr. Hillborg.

IV. SCHOOL REPORTS

A. LUCE RD

Principal Donna Ingersoll reported an amazing start to the school year. “Neck deep” in testing to gather benchmark data, getting to know students. No school on 9/28. Preschool open house is 9/29 and first day is 9/30. Picture Day is 10/5, Fire Day 10/6, Fall Festival 10/30. Fall Festival is a AEPTO sponsored event.

B. PINE AVE

Kim June reported there had been a Gratiot String Association convocation. Picture Day is 10/5, 4th grade trip to dairy farm 10/6.

C. HILLCREST

Kathleen Cranna reported that NWEA testing had begun. This new assessment program will give teachers a lot more information on each child’s ability. It replaces the STAR and Common Core tests previously used. It is a computer-based test which is adaptive to each student. Fire Prevention Day is an upcoming event along with a field trip to the Chippewa Nature Center (which is a PTO sponsored event).

V. OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Teresa Parks shared about upcoming 4-H Interest Meeting on 9/27 at 2PM at the Sumner Community Center. Cost for program is \$11/year.

B. An AEPTO attendance incentive has begun. A drawing was held and included the names of all those in attendance. Becca Adkins’ name was drawn out, and she received a \$25 WalMart gift card. All participants’ names will be included in a year-long compilation for a year-end drawing. Every time someone attends an AEPTO meeting, their name is added to the drawing. More attendance, more chances to win.

VI. Adjournment

Motion was made to adjourn (Adkins/Riggle). Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:32PM.

Next meeting will be on Monday, October 19 at 6:30pm at Hillcrest Elementary.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Wilson, AEPTO Secretary