

In Attendance (11):

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

Committee Chairs: Lynzee Brenner (Art Reach), Laura Karr (Carnival), Errin Thompson (Carnival)

Luce Road ECLC Representatives: Allison Lebron

Hillcrest Elementary Representatives: Kathleen Cranna, Jennie Wickes

Pine Avenue Elementary Representative: Kim June

Parents: Amanda Higbie

I. Call to Order:

A. The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm at Hillcrest.

B. April 2016 minutes were reviewed and approved (Cranna, Brenner).

II. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS and COMMITTEE CHAIRS

A. PRESIDENT (Jeff Turk)

Acknowledged Errin Thompson's attendance at her last meeting with the AEPTO after nearly 15 years. Thanked her for her leadership with Art Reach and the Carnival and for mentoring new leaders.

B. TREASURER (Laura Ash)

Shared totals of income minus expenses: Carnival \$50.22 left after expenses; Author \$800 left; Fun Run \$27,338.87; Total: \$51,755.82. Check requests for reimbursements need entire receipt with the date. Teachers should black out personal info/#'s if desired. Box Tops Checks have come in: \$318.80 for Pine Ave; \$620.40 for Hillcrest; awaiting Luce Rd's. Reimbursement requests for teachers are due June 16. President Jeff Turk turned in five shoe recycling boxes. It was noted that there is a \$5000 increase income over last year at this time.

C. FUNDRAISING (Jeff Turk for Teresa Parks)

Limo rides went well. It was a "light" experience which concluded around 1:30p, very manageable. A refund check for \$75 was received. All bills are paid.

D. LABELS (Jeff Turk for Mandy Sanders)

Box Tops checks have come in (see treasurer's report), waiting on Luce Rd's. Anything collected in these last weeks of school and over the summer will go towards next fall's submissions. Question was asked about which classrooms currently have the trophies.

E. ART REACH (Lynzee Brenner)

Getting date from Mt. Pleasant office about when to return the prints and materials. Will replenish supplies in each building before fall.

F. CARNIVAL (Laura Karr)

1000 flyers yield two responses. Discussion about purpose of the carnival (thank you to parents for participating with the AEPTO on committees, as fund raisers and with Fun Run). Suggestion was made to use photographs of AEPTO parents' kids doing projects, field trips, etc and display/share them. Perhaps a page in the yearbook? Suggest researching the school photo company that puts the yearbook together and seeing if they would include a page about the AEPTO "Here's what your fundraising has done this year." Decision was made to re-discuss at July Organizational meeting. Continue with table at open houses, though lots of names, not all (not many) actually participated throughout the year. Discussed "remind" text messages. Laura also brought up concern about the relationship between the Entertainment Company and Club's Choice.

G. BOOK FAIRS (Jessica Ackerman)

No report. Book Fairs are all completed for the school year. Next one will be in November 2016.

III. NEW/CONTINUING BUSINESS

A. DSO (District Supported Organization), official designation by School Board was discussed. Each DSO works for the school, APS acknowledges board approved DSO's. Maintains formal authority: review budgets, fundraising, financial procedures, and bylaws. At the June school board meeting acknowledgements will be made. In turn, APS will promote AEPTO, allow flyers in classroom folders, Panther News and use of facilities, etc. Motion was made (Turk, Karr) to submit AEPTO as a DSO for APS. Show of hands: five yes, five abstain, President Turk added sixth yes. Motion carried.

B. Discussed pursuing or not pursuing non-profit status, building associated costs into the budget, getting a federal tax ID and securing an accounting firm to do check writing, etc.

C. Nominations were discussed for 2016-17 officers. All three current officers (Turk, Ash, Wilson) re-submitted for consideration. Motion was made (Turk/Brenner) to accept these nominees as officers. Motion carried. Officers will once again be President Jeff Turk, Treasurer Laura Ash, Secretary Jennifer Wilson.

IV. SCHOOL REPORTS

A. LUCE RD

Allison Lebron represented Luce Rd. Farm Day will be on May 18; Queen of Scots visit May 24; First graders to visit Forest Hill Nature Center May 31 & June 2; Kindergarten to visit Discovery Museum June 6 & 7. Two kindergarten teachers (Lebron and Barnaby) were awarded a YAK grant for Panther Pride. Seven panthers have been designed and painted by the child artists and will be displayed downtown.

B. HILLCREST

Kathleen Cranna represented Hillcrest. 111 families attended Science Night (funded by a YAC grant); Fine Arts Day was a success with many community members participating; Queen of Scots visit is May 24; several field trip dates were shared.

C. PINE AVE

Kim June represented Pine Ave. 4th graders attended field trip to Forest Hill Nature Center. 5th graders will go to museum; Movie Day is May 25; Pine Ave Pride Day and 5K is June 3.

VI. Adjournment

Prior to adjournment, a drawing was conducted using names of all persons who had attended AEPTO meetings over the course of the school year. 82 names were in the Teachers/Principals/Officers/Chairs drawing and LouAnne Tucker's name was drawn for the \$150 gift card. 17 parent names were in the Parent drawing and Stephanie Stevens won the \$150 gift card.

Motion was made to adjourn (Cranna/Ash). Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:45PM.

Next meeting will be an Organizational Meeting on Monday, July 18 and August 15 will be the Budget Meeting. Locations and times to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Wilson, AEPTO Secretary