

# AEPTO Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2015

## In Attendance (17):

*Executive Officers:* Jeff Turk, Debbie Thomas, Laura Ash

*Committee Chairs:* Errin Thompson, Mandy Sanders

*Luce Road ECLC Representatives:* Angela Elsea, Allison Lebron, Donalynn Ingersoll, Nancy Gott

*Pine Avenue Elementary Representatives:* Kim June

*Hillcrest Elementary Representatives:* Kathleen Cranna, Tom Neuenfeldt, Karly Grant

*Parents:* Stephany Slaughter, Branden Sanders, Jennifer Wilson, Lynzee Brenner

## I Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm.

The minutes from the April 20 meeting were distributed and reviewed. Laura Ash moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Jennifer Wilson. Motion approved unanimously.

## II Officer Reports

***President's Report*** (presented by Jeff Turk): Jeff acknowledged the Mobark Company for their \$200 donation to the PTO from pop can collections. Thank you!

***Treasurer's Report*** (presented by Laura Ash): Laura presented the current budget report. The Carnival line item currently has a negative number, but it will get adjusted. The Fun Run line item reflects all of the income and expenses of the event. Laura also reminded everyone that if you have a bill to be paid or a purchase order, fill out a request form in the PTO mailbox and submit it to Laura, not to the business office.

## III Fundraising and Committee Chair Reports

***Fundraising Chair:*** (presented by Jeff Turk for Teresa Parks)—There was a small group of executive officers and Kim Turk that met to finalize the fundraising options for next year. They decided to discontinue the relationship with Frankenmuth Fundraising after one last sale in the fall. The sale will be at Luce Rd. and Hillcrest Elementary from Oct. 15-29 with product delivery on Nov. 17. Then, a new contract will be signed with Club's Choice and they will provide us with a Carnival in 2016, including a couple of inflatables. The Club's Choice sale will take place at all three schools from Jan. 25-Feb.8, with product delivery on March 3. Pine Ave. Elementary will try a new company called Great Lakes Fundraising, selling Michigan-made products, for their fall sale from Sept. 17-28, with product delivery on Oct. 21.

**Non-Sales Fundraising Chair** (presented by Mandy Sanders): A Box Tops contest ended on Friday, so there are no official winners yet! Everything will be submitted by June 1. Mandy will put any leftovers together after school is over. Box Tops have yielded \$3,120 for this calendar year so far, with close to another \$1,000 now. Mandy has made 15 submissions for Labels for Education this year and is working on another submission by June 15. If she were to convert the points for all three schools, it would equal about \$1,800 right now. She will wait and submit it next October, because it will be worth double. The Sunny D collection has yielded books for three classrooms, one at each school.

Baggies will go home with each student for summer collections. Also, containers for collection will be placed at Alma Public Library and Seville Township Library in Riverdale during the summer. Another idea that emerged was to have some information about the Box Top and Labels for Education collections at the Alma College Fair on Sept. 18 for Hispanic Heritage Month. It could help to make people aware of how to help the schools, even if they might not have elementary children. Another suggestion was to make sure that a flyer was sent home during the elementary open houses in the fall.

**Art Reach/Carnival Chair** : (presented by Errin Thompson) **Art Reach:** Errin has turned in all of the prints and materials. Everything is ready to go for next year. Any additional supplies that are needed will be purchased this summer. Lynzee Brenner has a bachelor in art and will be the new chairperson for Art Reach next year. Errin will shadow her. Art Reach volunteers are needed immediately when school starts in the fall. A packet will be put together for classrooms by the middle of August. She asked if it would be possible to have a PTO representative at the open houses? Jeff will check on this possibility.

**Carnival:** Errin is still wrapping up the Carnival numbers. The event received positive feedback and parents seemed to like the change to star tickets that could be turned in for prizes. An issue arose for some children who did not wear socks. Socks are required to use the inflatables. Teachers who were monitoring the inflatables turned the kids away and parents had to go to Walmart to buy socks. How should we handle this instance in the future? An idea emerged to have a box of socks and sell them for a quarter. It was agreed that children do need to have socks to use the inflatables for health reasons. There didn't seem to be as many children in attendance this year. Volunteers came from the college at the last minute, but this did not allow for background checks. We really need to have every adult screened next year.

**Book Fair Chair.** (presented by Jessica Ackerman): No report.

**New Business:** (presented by Jeff Turk)—

1. Fun Run—The Fun Run was a great success! The gross total was \$20,106, which included corporate donations. There were a few expenses for prizes, small fees, and merchant costs from the company, the Get Moving Crew (7-9% of earnings). The net income was \$17,400. A great big thank you to the teachers and principals,

who helped to promote and participate in the program. It was a wonderful learning experience. The student participation rate was 25%, with 200 students raising over \$100. The profits are earmarked for technology and books. Jeff asked the question: What matters to teachers? The long term goal needs to be decided—is it a nest egg or surplus for future years? As a starting point for discussion, maybe the principals would get an account earmarked for technology and books. Teachers could coordinate with principals. How do we manage it? Maybe \$2,000 per school? One idea would be something like the Enhanced Accelerated Reader Program or Scoop Pad, which would be options for the whole building to use. The site license is about \$2,500 per year. Projectors are needed in a couple of rooms for technology upgrades. The goal is to do something impactful, not to give \$100 to each teacher. Maybe the account could rollover from year to year. Perhaps teachers could write a grant and submit to the PTO. We need to have further discussion in the future.

2. August Budget Meeting—This is a closed meeting on August 17 for teachers and PTO executive board members and committee chairpersons. Location: TBD. There will also be an Organizational Meeting on July 20.

### **School Reports:**

Luce Rd—There will be one more “Principal for a Day.” The Forest Hill field trips will be the end of May. The Preschool field trip will be on May 20. First grade and Kindergarten will have a field trip on June 3, 4. Summer school starts on June 10.

Hillcrest—The Family Fun Night on May at the YFC building was lots of fun. This Thursday, those who raised over \$100 are going to have a picnic. Third grade “Principals for a Day” are finished. Second graders start soon. Third graders will visit Pine Ave. on May 26. Third graders are taking the M-step test between now and the end of school. This test used to take place in the fall to see what students learned the previous year. Now, it is held in the spring and is used to see what students have learned during that school year.

Pine Ave.—Fourth graders are going to Forrest Hill Nature Center. The Pine Ave. 5k will be held on June 1. Fourth graders are going to John Ball zoo on June 4. There will be a Fun Fitness afternoon on June 3.

### **Announcements:**

*The next PTO meeting will be on Monday, July 20 at 6:30 p.m. Location: TBD*

## **IX Meeting Adjourned**

*The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.*