

Bitterroot PTA Meeting/Minutes  
10-13-15

Attendees: Mary Rose Swan, Cressida Carroll, Tiffany Frenk, Jana O'Donnell, Laura Lindseth, Monica Smith, Jennifer Jones, Nicole Holman, Jillian Swoope.

Meeting was called to order at 5:55 by Mary Rose Swan-Vice President- Welcome and introductions were done.

Approval of Meeting Minutes-Cressida Carroll moved to approve the minutes and Laura Lindseth seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report: T-Shirt Sales: \$205.00 income  
-\$1,266.10 paid to Big Frog

Membership: \$175.00 income

Saturday Live: \$78.00 income  
-\$100.99 expense (bags)  
-\$100.05 expense (candy purchase)  
\$1,520.00 Ticket Sales  
\$698.48 profit each for PTA and Bitterroot school

Coupon Books: \$17,950.00 income book sales  
\$230.00 income donations  
\$-80.00 returned checks  
\$-36.00 bank fees for returned checks  
\$-478.63 expenses prizes  
\$-9,180.00 expense (Enjoy the City)  
\$8,175.00 net income

Red Ribbon Week: \$179.48 expense

Movie Night: \$61.25 income  
-\$49.11 expense  
-\$9.98 expense  
\$2.16 profit

Accounts: PTA General Checking- \$17,705.66  
PTA General Savings- \$ 7,988.78  
Classroom Carnival- \$2,928.84  
Carnival Savings- \$0.01

Principals Report: Mr. English did not attend the PTA Board meeting or regular PTA meeting. Nothing to report from him.

Box Tops/Labels Report: Mrs. Martin leads for Labels for Education and Mrs. Erin Miller leads for BoxTops/Tyson. We brought in 1000 labels points and \$350.00 worth of BoxTops. We will have a pizza party for the two classroom winners at the end of the contest (November). Our next check in will be on Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. This contest runs until end of November. The winners will be announced after the final count on November 30<sup>th</sup>. We will start a new contest in December.

Old Business: Coupon Book Fundraiser Recap: We did not make as much with the fundraiser as we did last year. We discussed that the early start was a good thing considering other schools have now caught on with this particular fundraiser, however the drawback with starting so early and having an opt out letter is all the paperwork that comes home on the first day of school. The plus side was that the opt out letter was very detailed and easy to understand for those who wished not to participate. The teachers really appreciated the names/labels on the envelopes this year compared to last year. They felt that this method worked so much better and was a lot easier to deal with than last year. The teachers also mentioned that the kids enjoyed receiving the food coupons for their efforts. Laura did mention per Jenny's request about the mixup dates on the correspondence and felt like it shouldn't be a problem for next year. Mary Rose asked if anyone knew if we were for sure doing this fundraiser again for next year and no one knew for sure. She suggested that maybe in the new year at some point we re-evaluate and decide if we are going to keep this fundraiser or possibly look for something else to do. Mary Rose had no objections for keeping this particular fundraiser, but expressed her concerns that we should not do a non fundraiser fundraiser if we decide to change it.

Saturday Live Recap: The Golden ticket was a big success this year and we had a lot of positive feedback about it. Thank you to Melissa Christoferson for suggesting it. April Keippel purchased two different sized stuffed animals that were present and visible at the Candy Shack. The golden tickets were inside the candy bags. The prizes were redeemed by 11:00 in the morning. Those who worked the early shifts said people were all excited and they had steady business. Monica Smith who worked in the morning suggested that next year we spread out the bags with the tickets so that we know to put one out in the morning and the other for the afternoon. Jenny Jasper suggested that we keep the golden ticket but perhaps next year we consider having 1 golden ticket and several silver tickets that get smaller prizes and she too expressed her concerns with doing a better job at separating the tickets/candy bags so they don't go out in one fell swoop. There was also mention that we consider changing our booth table set-up for next year, possibly scaling back the tables or do something a little more to jazz up the booth.

New Business: Pumpkin Patch Party 10/30/15 Monica Smith and Mary Rose Swan are the only two individuals chairing the event. They say things are going well and moving along and making progress. They meet once a week on Thursdays at 6:00 and would welcome anyone to drop by and help out and give some input! We will need volunteers for the event. Mary Rose will be posting a blog and will have a signup for the games/shifts to work at. She hopes to get that up this week yet. Be on the lookout. Prizes still need to be purchased, they have taken a quick inventory in the shed and Jillian Swoope mentioned that the Wheel of Fortune game is very wonky and needs some work. Monica has enlisted her husband to revamp and or fix the wheel. We need volunteers for baked goods, Jenny has posted the signup via signup genius. We encourage parents and students to dress up for the party!

Cost to the party is \$5.00 for students, Adults and children 4 and under are free. Mary Rose would like to obtain a list from Laura to see which members have paid dues. If you have paid your membership dues, your children who are students will get in free to the Pumpkin Patch Party. They are working out something to try and get tickets sent home with your children.

There will be a donation bin for the Billings Food Bank. We are asking for one non-perishable food item donation and in return coupons from Wendy's, MT Jack's, and Dairy Queen will be handed out.

Red Ribbon Week: Everything has been ordered for kids and will be delivered directly to Mrs. Neese. Contest for classroom doors with theme of "these Paws don't touch drugs", student council will determine winner and honorable mention. Themes list are on Facebook, Website and Blog.

November Movie Night: November 6<sup>th</sup> movie will be Inside Out. Jenny will take care of treats/healthy treats. She is looking for help with this. Mary Rose said she would help out for movie night with Jenny.

Vision Screening: 10/20/15 in the gym starting at 8:30-10:30. Laura is looking for 8 volunteers to help with this and asked if anyone was interested in helping out.

Revised Holiday Stroll: 12/11/15 April Keippel was not at the meeting to discuss the matter. We will discuss next month.

Other New Business: Teacher Conference Dinner will be 11/5/15. We will be doing a potluck and have kept the dishes the same as last year. A sign up was available at the meeting and also Jenny has posted this via signup genius as well. Dishes need to be at the school by 4:00. Laura also mentioned that if you are still at the school later in the evening to stop by and pick up your dishes/food as the teachers have limited space in the refrigerator. If you can not pick up until the next morning, that is fine too.

Nikki Neville asked the PTA to buy her an SD card for storing pictures taken for the yearbook. Jenny found one on sale for \$15.00 (16GB). Laura motioned that the PTA purchase the SD card for Nikki Neville. Jillian Swoope seconded that motion. The board and members voted to approve that purchase. Motion passed.

Door prizes were awarded to Jennifer Jones-note cards and Jillian Swoope-Celtic Sea Salt Carmels, which she generously shared with the members.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45.