

# **Bitterroot PTA Meeting**

Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015

In Attendance: Mary Rose Swan, Jana O'Donnell, Russ White, Laura Lindseth, Shannon Wright, Jenny Jasper, April Keippel

Meeting was started at 7:05 by April Keippel

## **Welcome & Introductions**

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

Minutes were posted to the PTA website, Jenny Jasper motioned for the minutes to be accepted as posted, Mary Swan seconded the motion. Motion was passed.

### **Treasurer Report (Shannon Wright)**

- Checking \$10,747.28
- Savings \$ 7,987.58
- Classroom Carnival Checking \$1,979.85
- Classroom Carnival Savings \$.01

Outstanding expenses that are coming up:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> ½ of LifeTouch bill
- Classroom Carnival Expenses
- Teacher Appreciation Week
- \$1000 NOVA bill (2<sup>nd</sup> half of bill pending Mr. English's approval)

### **Board Member Elections:**

One parent in attendance, elections tabled until May meeting.

### **Old Business:**

#### **NOVA Theater Production (Laura Lindseth)**

Teachers in attendance said that this was the best production they had seen yet and that they had never seen a better one. Laura said the program went well. It was mentioned that some of the days would have gone more smoothly had we had some additional NOVA personnel on hand, like when they did dress rehearsal and distributed costumes. We had 45 kids start the program and 44 finish the program. The director was frustrated with parent communication. He had asked that kids list conflicts with their schedules and let him know when they weren't going to be there. A lot of kids missed several practices (could be in part to the flu that hit the school at the time). It was suggested that we should reiterate to parents that the kids need to be accountable to attendance just like they are with school.

### **Family Game Night (April Keippel)**

We had 26 kids in attendance. Everyone who came was able to leave with a prize because we handed out old Bitterroot T-shirts as additional prizes. We served water at the event. Suggestions: maybe having free concessions at this event as well. It was commented that the time of the event (6:00-7:30) was a good length as well.

### **T-Shirt Designs for School Shirts (April Keippel)**

Asked Mrs O'Donnell if she had seen any activity into this yet, she had not and she has art on Wednesday, so she said she would talk to the art teacher about it.

### **New Business:**

#### **Principal's Report and Update:**

Mr. English was not in attendance; Laura mentioned that he was looking for a parent volunteer to serve on the design committee for the Middle School. No specifics as to when the meetings would take place, most likely several 90 minute meetings after school.

#### **BoxTops / Labels for Education Report (Jenny Jasper)**

Ms. Hughs' class is leading in BoxTops & Mrs. Frenk's class is leading in Labels for Education. Overall leaders are Mr. White's class for BoxTops and Mrs. Bumgarner's for Labels for Education.

#### **Movie Nights (Jenny Jasper)**

April movie is Big Hero 6. We have leftover candy that we will be serving. We are in need of water and healthy snacks. Laura volunteered to pick up the water. April will pick up the healthy snacks (grapes). Movie for May was discussed. We decided to show the new Annie movie.

#### **Classroom Carnival (Jenny Jasper)**

Reminded teachers we would like to see donations on Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> but would be accepting donations as late as Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. We will need people to help put together the baskets. We will need to find some volunteers to monitor the baskets and sell raffle tickets as well.

Several games need repair, the Wheel has a missing peg and the Football game has a broken leg. Mr. White will ask a parent in his class to see if he is able to fix them (Mr. Hanson). Jenny told Mr. White to have him contact her if he was able to fix them and she would get him access to the games in the shed.

#### **Teacher Appreciation (April Keippel)**

We discussed ideas for teacher appreciation. April asked Mrs. O'Donnell and Mr. White if the staff had any particular needs. Teachers indicated anything would be great. Mary Rose Swan agreed to head this committee. April agreed to assist. Several ideas were brought up for the teachers: coffee for staff, 10 minute Health DVD, popcorn, massage, breakfast for the staff, cookies.

**Other new business:**

**Frozen Yogurt Party:** BBY is providing a yogurt party for our BoxTops / Labels for Education winners from the last contest and our staff. They are providing yogurt, PTA will need to provide toppings. April is picking up some fruit (raspberries) for the yogurt. Jenny will pick up some chocolate sauce and M&Ms.

**Shed:** Mary Rose Swan and Jenny Jasper cleaned out and organized the shed. There are several things that need to be addressed: there is a lot of paperwork in the shed that needs to be gone through / organized, we have limbo sticks in the shed (do we want to keep them – yes), we have 6 boxes of books (used for Book Bingo and Read-A-Thon, Jenny needs to meet with Kristine and have her go through the books), shelving options for the shed (looking at utilizing more of the space, making it safer to put things in and take them out).

**Meeting adjourned: 7:03pm**