

**Bitterroot PTA**  
**Thursday, November 16, 2017**

Present: Laura Lindseth, Dr. Shanna Henry, Mary Swan, Debbie Taylor, Jeanne O'Donnel, Andrea Brown, Nicole Holman, Kaiya Bisping, Darby Hansen and April Keippel

The meeting was called to order at 6:27pm by Mary Rose Swan. Attendees introduced themselves. The minutes of the October meeting were approved.

**Standing Committees:**

Treasurer's Report – Mary Rose provided the treasurer's report in Jen Pyburn's absence: The coupon book fundraiser made \$5,370 after payment was made to the vendor for \$5,200. All checks have cleared. There were still 62 outstanding books. We received a check for \$839.04 from Panda Express. Totals for the Domino's fundraiser haven't been received yet. Funds from the Domino's event will benefit the 5<sup>th</sup> graders. The Harvest party collected \$257 and spent \$251. There was a \$1,734 deposit from Lifetouch. Dues were paid to the Montana PTA for \$261. Our IRS paperwork has been filed.

Box Tops Committee Report – Mary Rose provided the report in Bonnie Bear Don't Walk's absence: Box tops will be picked up afterschool on Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> for counting.

**Old Business:**

Parent-Teacher Luncheon: Instead of the conference dinner, the PTA ordered sandwiches for staff and volunteers provided side dishes and desserts. The change was received favorably by staff and there was enough food for leftovers the next day.

Harvest Party Recap: The event seemed well attended for a first year event. Based on drawing slips for the door prize, we estimated about 45-50 families in attendance. The chili and feathers for crafts ran out in the last half hour of the event. There was a suggestion to purchase additional toppings and crackers for the chili. KC kids could have been assisted 2 per hour shift instead of 4 per hour. There were 40 thanksgiving, 22 general hello, and 21 holiday/Christmas cards created for residents at Eagle Cliff nursing home. The roaster was better for heating the chili. Members mentioned appreciating the event being affordable without junk going home and books were appreciated. There was a suggestion to better promote the event and let the teachers know about the events at least 3 weeks in advance.

Domino's Night: It was very busy at the event and all the 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers were there. We receive 20% of the total purchases which utilized the coupons that night. Mary Rose provided feedback to Domino's staff for improvements for next time.

**New Business:**

Holiday Stroll/movie night: Because December is such a busy month, the decision was made to not do a holiday event or movie night in December.

Panda Express Night: December 6<sup>th</sup> will be the next Panda Express night. Darby Hasen moved to have the event proceeds benefit United Way, Laura Lindseth seconded. The membership voted to have the proceeds from that night benefit United Way as a thank you for all they do for the schools, including printing the magnets with important attendance information.

Dr. Henry reported she contacted facilities to reprogram the lights to go off at 8pm instead of 6pm. The math club has 50 students interested, so they are doing a A/B schedule. The club is open to students in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

The fundraising committee will meet on Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. This committee will propose fundraising goals and activities.

The drawing for door prizes from the Harvest Party was conducted. Kaiya Bisping and Rosa Ibara won herb and salsa gardens.

April Keippel won the meeting door prize drawing for an illuminator provided by Mary Rose Swan.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

Upcoming 2018 event dates:

Science night: January 26th

Classroom Carnival: March 23rd