

**Bitterroot PTA**  
**Thursday, October 26, 2017**

Present: Laura Lindseth, Dr. Shanna Henry, Jen Pyburn, Mary Swan, Debbie Taylor, Bonnie Bear Don't Walk, Amy Southgate, Jeanne O'Donnel, Lynette Papka, Andrea Brown, Caitlyn Dimock, and April Keippel

The meeting was called to order at 6:25pm by Mary Rose Swan. Attendees introduced themselves. The minutes of the September meeting were approved.

**Standing Committees:**

Treasurer's Report – Jen Pyburn: Saturday Live brought in \$1,134 which will be split between the school and PTA. The PTA will receive \$567. The coupon books made \$9,944. The PTA is still waiting to hear how much will go to final proceeds. There are a few coupon books which haven't been returned. A letter will be sent out asking those individuals with unreturned books to reimburse the \$20 for the books since the PTA had to cover the cost of unreturned books. Only one check was returned from the book sales. A request will be send for payment and coverage of the \$12 return check fee. We haven't received payment yet from the Panda Night. Dues will be sent to the state PTA by November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Box Tops Committee Report - Bonnie Bear Don't Walk: November 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for the first submission of box tops. Containers for classrooms will be distributed. Box tops can be returned on the sheets provided (glued or taped) or just placed in the classroom containers. When submitted, Bonnie has to package the loose in 50's or in piles of \$5.00. The box tops must be gone through to make sure they're not out of date.

**Old Business:**

Picture Day Recap: There were plenty of volunteers for the fall picture day. Dr. Henry was unaware of when the retakes would be scheduled. Dr. Henry will contact the representative from Lifetouch for spring photos. Last year he mentioned we could include a pizza party for the first classroom with all photo packets returned. Spring photos require a longer commitment for volunteers since it includes both classroom and individual photos.

Saturday Live Recap: Mary reported that he booth was well received. A parent attending the event commented on the music at the booth. There were only 7 bags of candy left at the end of the event. We ran out of paper bags for the fifth grade classes bagging candy, so we'll need more bags next year. Approximately 1400 bags were used this year. Laura Lindseth purchased 6 stuffed animals with babies for next year's event, with a discount from Big Lots. There was a suggestion to brainstorm additional ideas for more drawings next year.

**New Business:**

Holiday Stroll: The holiday stroll will not be an event this year because of the proximity to the Harvest Party in November. Instead the PTA plans to have a Christmas movie night.

Classroom Carnival: Jen will chair the event which will occur in March.

Teacher Appreciation Week: Arianne will chair the Teacher Appreciation week event in May.

Fundraising Committee: The fundraising committee will meet in November to brainstorm ideas for fundraisers and fundraising needs. Dr. Henry reported on the reader board follow-up, the only parameters are that it not be flashing or bright at night because of the nearby houses. April offered to chair the committee. Debbie, Amy, Bonnie, Lynette, Andrea, and Mary Rose offered to be on the committee.

Parent- Teacher Luncheon: Laura received estimates from Montana Jacks and Subway to purchase lunch. Montana Jacks was able to provide 30 wraps and kettle chips for \$120, which was a discounted price. It was suggested the PTA pay for sandwiches and have volunteers provide salads, desserts, fruit platters, paper products, and bottled water. April made a motion to have the PTA spend \$120 for the lunch; Laura seconded; motion was approved. Volunteers will need to have their items delivered to the teacher's lounge by noon on Thursday.

Domino's Night 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Party Fundraiser: The fundraiser is scheduled for November 8<sup>th</sup>. Mary hasn't been contacted by Jessica yet for final details. The 5<sup>th</sup> graders will serve as "hosts" for the event and proceeds from the event will provide funds for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade parties.

Harvest Party – Debbie provided an update on the Harvest party. It will take place on November 10<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30pm. Cost will be \$5 per family. There will be a Candyland treatwalk with baked items groups 2-4 items per plate. There will be chili and cinnamon rolls with the chili purchased from Costco for \$75. Cinnamon rolls will be baked by volunteers. Jen will provide a giant Jenga board. There will be a book bingo, craft table, and card table. Holiday cards will be decorated for the holidays and delivered to residents at Eagle Cliffs. The KC Club will provide volunteers to support this effort. Additional volunteers will be needed to assist in the kitchen with serving and to help staff the activities. The committee will provide Laura with final volunteer needs after their meeting on Monday.

Safety Concerns – Concerns have been expressed about the safety of the crosswalk on Barrett Road and Bench. Dr. Henry stated Medicine Crow counts on the crossing guards from Bitterroot. Additional concerns were expressed about very young children crossing busy intersections by themselves. Dr. Henry will follow-up with those families. Other concerns were related to speeding vehicles and vehicles not stopping at crosswalks. Various ideas were discussed including cameras to record license plates, contacting the police department, attending the Heights Task Force meetings and contacting City Council representatives to express concerns.

Mrs. Redmond won the drawing for a \$25 gift card for her PTA family membership.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.