

Bitterroot PTA Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 8, 2015; 6-7pm in the Bitterroot Library

“Your big opportunity may be right where you are now.” -Napoleon Hill

Attendees: April Keippel, Jenny Jasper, Cressida Carroll, Mary Rose Swan, Laura Lindseth, Tari Erfle, Arianna Whitman, Lucy Cole, Monica Smith, Nina Miller, Jennifer Jones, Jill Swoope, Caitlin Dimock, Katy Hughs, Alyce Richardson

Meeting Called to Order at 6 pm by April Keippel.

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of May 2015 Meeting Minutes : Meeting minutes are posted electronically to the Bitterroot PTA website (bitterrootpta.weebly.com).

- Motion made to approve the minutes made by Mary Rose Swan, second was made by Laura Lindseth and motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report:

Totals for Accounts/Recent Expenses:

- \$765.80 Lifetouch
- \$118.50 General Donations
- \$77.68 August Movie Night
- \$260.77 Print Shop
- \$10.42 Box Tops

Total Balance for Regular Checking \$8955.44

Total Balance for Regular Savings \$7988.59

Total Balance for Classroom Carnival Checking \$2,919.26

Standing Committee Reports:

Principal’s Report – Mr. English was unable to attend the meeting. He did say that the playground would be started in September. He will not be able to help with Saturday Live set-up. There are to be no dogs on the playground for morning drop off or pick up of students.

Box Tops/Labels for Education Report – There is currently an on-line drawing for \$500 weekly with a \$10,000 giveaway after 10/9/2015 to be given to a few schools; try to enter daily for Bitterroot to have a better chance of winning. We did win \$1000 last year. The Committee meets the last day of the month or first day of the month to count Labels and Box Tops after school in Ms. Redmond’s room. If you are interested in helping, please let Jenny Jasper know. Mrs. Miller suggested that maybe the sixth grade students could help with the counting. We need to decide on the prize for the first contest that will conclude at the end of November. The ideas that were brought up were pizza party, popcorn party, cookies, and a healthy snack choice. No decision was made on this topic.

Old Business:

Back to School Ice Cream Social: This was well attended. We ran out of ice cream. Next year, we need to order more ice cream, but will look at student enrollment as there will no longer be

6th graders in the school. We could use any extra for class room parties. Feedback from parents was that it seemed chaotic. A suggestion was made that maybe something different be offered for new students.

August Movie Night : The movie was "Home" and the night went well. We sold out of licorice and grapes twice.

New Business:

Coupon Book Fundraiser → We keep \$10 per book. We are earning money for the Project Lead the Way. This is a STEM based program and cost is \$17,000. There were "Opt Out" forms sent home and 15-20 families utilized this option.

- Prize information and selection: There is a \$500 budget. The top two selling classes from K-2 and 3-6 will get a Cinnabon Party hosted by the Cinnabon owner. Prizes for the top seller from each class will get a special prize. We have Pizza Ranch certificates, Cookie Dough Certificates and Subway Certificates. There will be multiple medium prizes this year instead of one or two large prizes. The idea for the prizes were motioned by Jenny Jasper and second was made by Mary Rose Swan and the motion passed. Each student will get an entry in the prize drawing for every book sold and a bonus entry for every three books sold.
- Volunteer sign-ups: Stephanie Maroncelli and the Billings Bulls will get the Coupon Book Orders ready Tuesday night, 9/15/15 after the Parent/Teacher Night. The Coupon Books will be sent home with students on Wednesday, 9/16/15.

Saturday Live, Saturday, September 26th Pioneer Park → This is a fundraiser to be split with the PTA and the school.

Volunteer Sign-up: The event is 10 am – 4 pm. A sign-up sheet was passed around and there is additional sign up opportunities on-line.

- Ticket sales will be Monday-Friday before school and Jenny Jasper will sell the tickets. We are looking for a volunteer who would be willing to sell tickets after school as well.
- Candy assembly will be done by the fifth or sixth grade students. They will need the bags Tuesday 9/16/15.
- Set-up (before 9am on Saturday)→ Mary Rose Swan's husband will be hauling the items for the booth to the Park.
- Table Staffing→Volunteer will sign up on-line or on the Volunteer Form passed around the meeting.
- Tear-down

October Movie Night→The idea was brought up to have a "Halloween" themed movie. The movie needs to be rated "G" or "PG." No decision was made on the movie that will be shown.

Pumpkin Patch Party, October 30th→ This will be held at the school from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm. Every person that joins the PTA this year will receive a ticket for admission to the Party.

- Selection of Committee Co-Chairs → Mary Rose Swan will Chair the Committee. Monica Smith and Tari Erfle volunteered to help. It was suggested to start weekly meetings next week.

Other New Business → Door prizes were given away.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm by April Keippel.