

PSO Meeting  
October 28, 2016  
Mary Woodward Cafeteria, 8:30 am

Board Members: Wendy Jenkins, Megan Van de Pitte, Tracy Johnson, Cheryl Payne.

**Minutes:**

The minutes from September, 2016, were read and unanimously approved.

**Treasurer Report:**

Treasurer's Report for October 27, 2016.

Jog-A-Thon – Has deposited \$24,000 and another \$4.5k will soon be deposited plus \$1,300 is expected from employer matches. Donations received and expected will meet the budget goal for revenue. Total Eagle Buck expenses were \$1,021, which was within the budgeted amount.

Ambassador Income – So far there are more expenses than income to fund the student store inventory and spirit wear purchases. More deposits will be coming in and the inventory is sold.

An expense reported under the carnival line item will be moved to auction for software license purchased.

Box Tops – There will be a December deposit of about \$1,600 that was supposed to have been paid last June but it didn't get processed.

Local Events – Burgerville event was received and deposited, Pizzacato will be another \$700 to be deposited.

Various expenses – are coming in. The large expenses will be issued for the Garden and Instr. Assistance support next week.

**Old Business:**

Nothing to discuss.

**New Business:**

Wendy Jenkins pulled the By-Laws Revised April 2008. After reading them she determined there were changes needed to keep up with the changes that have occurred over the years. Proposed changes were drafted and discussed. A motion to approve was seconded. Changes were unanimously approved.

**Committee Reports:**

Jog-A-Thon – The Jog-A-Thon was a financial success but Lisa reported there were numerous angry parents. This was Lisa's first year running the Jog-a-thon and learned some things she would incorporate next year to make things run a little smoother. Unfortunately, the anger came from several parents who missed the deadline to turn in the pledge envelope. The deadline was set to encourage a swift wrap up of this major fundraiser. The Eagle Bucks are not intended as an entitlement but, rather, an incentive. Lisa will allow more time for collection of pledges next year and hopes this will eliminate the problem. She is also looking into other incentive ideas that takes less time. It was agreed by the members the communications were very clear as to timing of pledge returns, but many parents don't read what is sent home. Discussions took place regarding scraping the Eagle Buck program. Part of the problem was when collections didn't equal pledges so the flyer on the pledge envelope that said how many Eagle Bucks was earned caused confusion. This fund raiser is a difficult job and parents who don't volunteer don't understand how tough it is to run a such large fund raiser. It was discussed that if we hear of parents

complaining, we must stand up for the parents who are volunteering when others are criticizing without understanding. Eagle Bucks is an incentive not an entitlement.

Candy by-back program is on. Bring in your Halloween candy and help the school raise money.

Local Business Events – Upcoming events are at the following establishments –

1. Piccolo Mondo Nov 14 -17. Purchases during this time frame will benefit Mary Woodward PSO.
2. Maple Boutique at Bridgeport Village – Nov 17 – 6 – 8 pm 20% of sales benefits Mary Woodward PSO. If you go during the day or online – mention Mary Woodward and they will credit those sales to Mary Woodward. One parent loves shopping at this store and highly recommends it.
3. Max's Brew Pub – December 13.

Staff Appreciation – Jenna ordered the team building shirts for the staff. Pot luck was GREAT and very much appreciated!!!

Missoula Children's Theatre – this was the first year where there were way more students interested than there were spots available. Parents were angry because their child was “punished” for the parent not being one of the first 60 to register. A “wait list” was created to see if any spots opened up, but because of feedback from parents, instead all students were allowed to audition. For next year they will decide whether to do first come, first serve or have a true audition. There were discussions of the pros and cons for each option. One parent in the meeting, who had an upset child because she didn't get on the list, used the experience as a learning experience for her daughter and didn't see having the limit as a big deal. Principal Nihill interjected that if any committee members have any issues with angry parents, he is more than happy to field those comments on our behalf. Many parents don't understand what is involved when you have volunteer-run activities. Many things can go well and can go wrong.

Science Fair – Tracy Sandford said they were able to complete all the lessons for bridge building – 4<sup>th</sup> graders; making sling shots – 3<sup>rd</sup> graders; and an acid demonstration for the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. About 70 kids have signed up so far. LOTS of room for more entries. Heather Listy will donate reminder stickers to go home with the kids.

Art Lit – Laura Wieking said they were wrapping up Cezanne and the kids have really enjoyed the project. They are launching Renoir Reflections. They are holding an art workshop on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Book Fair – done. The book fair did not bring in as much as last year. \$1,000 for library. \$800 more in books for the library and \$2,200 to spend with Scholastics, so it wasn't a bad turn out. Lunchtime access to the book fair went well for 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders. No regrets for replacing the morning time option, except that it may have been the reason for decreased sales. Dealing with a few angry parents regarding Eagle Bucks was a hassle.

Auction – Carrie Mantel is the new co-chair – the Auction committee is looking for a third chair to help make more money. Heather said it's a fun committee to sit on. If anyone is interested, meet Heather and Carrie at Godfather's Pizza on Barrows Road on Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. Heather will pay for pizza and drinks. They have already secured many large items for the auction, which are as follows: 1 week in a house in France, 1 week in a house in Panama, Tim McGraw/Faith Hill tickets at the MODA center, a helicopter tour of Newberg wineries. Heather shared some custom made socks for Mary Woodward Elementary by Hoop Swag (started by a 15 year student in Sherwood) that will be auctioned off and, perhaps, sold for Spirit Wear fund-raising. She also shared a copy of the U of O Duck mascot story, which will be auctioned off, and a copy given to the school library.

SCRIP – made \$260 in SCRIP sales for Sept and Oct. Get gift cards for the holidays.

Ambassadors – if you need marketing, go directly to Laura and Kari and give as much notice as possible. All others go through Anne Farrell.

### **Principal's Report –**

Jerry reiterated to not hesitate to check in with him with regards to discussing issues with angry parents. Volunteers shouldn't have to field all the negative comments from parents. Jerry will be happy to help out. Heads up for today – earth quake and fire drill at 10:25 am. They usually do at least two drills, only mandated to do one. School improvement plan was recently submitted and at next meeting Jerry will present goals. DIBELS results were very good this fall.

A parent asked Jerry what is the district's plan in the event of a real earthquake. The district has been looking at the reunification plan and mentioned there were tweaks needed. District would set up sites as to where to pick up kids and would send out flash alerts. Rolling cart of medications is always at the ready in the event of an emergency. Cellphone chargers included on the rolling cart.

**Volunteer Coordinator Report** – parent directory is going well. Directory will only go to the people in the directory. No home addresses will be included. Next endeavor for Shelly is to get the volunteers recognized.

Members also suggested to thank people who signed up and weren't needed.

### **President's report -**

Still looking for someone to head up the Family Events. If someone wants to plan just one event, they can just do one event. BINGO night was such a huge success. Shelly was thinking of doing BINGO night. The members kicked around other ideas.

Meeting adjourned!