

Mary Woodward PSO Meeting
April 28, 2017 - 8:34 am

Board Members Present: Wendy Jenkins, Megan Van de Pitte, Tracy Johnson, Shelly Smelser and Cheryl Payne.

Board Member Absent: none

The March 17, 2017, minutes were read. One correction was required - change "Cheryl (not Payne)" to be "Cheryl Reed" under the auction committee report. Pending that change, a motion to approve the minutes was seconded and were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report:

- *More money continues to come in pursuant to the jog-a-thon.
- *Money for the auction is coming in for dinner reservations.
- *Spirit wear and student store are in the black. Spirit wear is discounted to move the product.
- *The payment was made to Events Unlimited for the carnival.
- *Family events made about \$800 from Bingo.
- *Missoula Children's Theatre - deposit was made for the fall's presentation.
- *Yearbook - the remainder of the contract was paid.
- *Pizzacato generated \$755 in donations for the school

Guest Speaker - Karen Emerson, President of Fowler, PSO:

Karen explained to the parents of the fifth graders at Mary Woodward that June 1, 2017, is 6th grade night at Fowler Middle School. There are many board opportunities at Fowler, so please consider putting your name in for a leadership role. There are also committee leadership opportunities, such as the fall fundraiser (i.e. on-line auction) and the Falcon Dash, which are the two largest fundraising opportunities. They also need a leader for the Token Store and Staff Appreciation. Karen Emerson handed out a list of positions available at Fowler.

Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB):

Ms. Zell, Fifth Grade Teacher, and Ms. Bailey, Literacy Specialist presented the the PSO board and it's members the plan to start OBOB at Mary Woodward. They explained they need 1 - 3 parent volunteers to help them manage this program which is done outside of school. The school would create teams of four to five kids to read the age appropriate book titles (usually 16 titles), they would then complete in January to answer questions like on Jeopardy. If any teams succeed in the January competition, they could go to the regional competition. Ms. Zell and Ms. Bailey have already created a website. Kids can start reading the titles right now. Ms. Zell bought the whole set of books and a few copies of the other books are available in the school library. Parents can host teams at their house and have practice sessions to simulate a competition. Ms. Zell and Ms. Bailey were thinking the Book Fair in October would be a logical time to kick off OBOB.

Principal's Report:

Mr. Nihill said the office remodel is on hold for this summer. The seismic grants didn't come through in time to get the remodel going. The idea to have the office remodel happen in the fall in the evenings was off the table because there aren't enough empty classrooms to move the kids around to. Looks like the office remodel will start a year from this summer.

Mr. Nihill said they already have 81 registered kindergarteners for this fall. Very close to having 4 classes.

Testing - The kids have finished round 1 of the Language Arts testing, including the performance portion where the kids write an essay. The kids will be taking a couple weeks off and then start round 2 which is the math portion of the testing. The staff felt having both tests back to back was too much to ask of the kids.

Mr. Nihill - announced Cheryl Payne was honored as the volunteer for the year for her numbers years working on the carnival, in the classroom, in the garden, in the classrooms, tearing out and helping to install the playground, was treasurer for numerous years and took a leadership role with the Ambassadors.

Mr. Nihill announced the Colleen McCombs will be moving from 1st grade the 2nd grade this fall. Mrs. White is retiring and so there was an opening in the 2nd grade.

Right now the school has about 530 kids.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Wendy noted that the book waterfall was going to happen. Bring used books to the library by the end of May. Books can be purchased for \$1 and will help the library to raise money to buy more books.

Committee Reports:

*Staff Appreciation - is May 1 - 5th. The committee could use help Sunday at 5:30 pm to help put up the remaining decorations. They need someone to contribute one more main dish. They encourage all volunteers and kids to wear Hawaiian themed clothing that week. They need help with tear down on Friday.

*Family events - May 5 is the son dance.

*BINGO was a huge success. There were easily 200 people there.

*Art Lit - the activities have concluded for the year. The Gallery will be going up May 5th. They donated a basket to the Auction.

*Auction - 192 RSVPs (they were hoping for at least 165). So far the committee has made \$6,300. There are 57 Wonka Bars left to sell for \$50 each. They hope the paddle raise will generate \$9,000 this year to help with numerous playground repairs needed and keyboards that will plug in to the iPad so they can be used for the Smarter Balanced testing.

*SCRIP - there will be no sales for staff appreciation week, since sales didn't go well at all in the past.

*Carnival - The event will be June 2nd. On that same day, Mrs. Orchard will be hosting a party for kindergarteners for \$20 - \$25 so volunteers could sign up for the party and help set up for the carnival.

*Specialty Fundraisers - McMeniman's donated \$2,124.93!! Mod Pizza donated \$454.56. Total donated this year was nearly \$5,600. There is another event on Tuesday, May 23rd at Menchies.

Volunteer Coordinator's Report - Shelly said she would like a back up volunteer to be able to send out EM to everyone in the event she is out of town. She reminded us that there is a need for DIBELS volunteers for Tuesday, May 9th.

President's Report -

Bike Shelter Project - Jen Vasicek received a \$1,400 budget for the bike shelter project. Orchard's Hardware says they want to help build the shelter.

Dance suggestions - Wendy had a parent suggest the daughter dance and son events should be back-to-back on the same weekend to help make the overall events more efficient. This idea was discussed and decided it would be up to the parent volunteers on how they wanted to schedule these events to fit their schedules.

10:11 am - Meeting was adjourned.