
Call to Order: President Karin Manning called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. Attendance sheet is attached. **Quorum present.**

President's Report, Karin Manning:

- The next newsletter will be released in mid-January.
- Thank you to Erin Reddekopp for completing a data entry project on our website.
- There will be a training session for the Nominating Committee in January.
- Thank you to Laila Collins for her hard work on Family Nights. There are many events in the fall, and she dedicated a lot of time to make sure they were all successful. We should consider making VP of Family Nights a joint position next year, with 2 VPs sharing the workload (alternating events).

Secretary's Report, Diane Oberg:

- Minutes from the Board Meeting on Sept. 15, 2014 were presented and approved as written.

Treasurer's Report, Alison Larsson:

- Account Balances: Checking \$39,723.16 Savings \$15,047.06
- A profit of \$832 was made at Pizza Bingo, but we budgeted for a loss. The profit was due to the sale of raffle tickets this year, and we should consider having a raffle again next year.
- Book fair was successful. We didn't make much of a profit, but we earned a 5% growth bonus and more Scholastic dollars. Katie will survey the teachers to determine how they would like to spend the dollars.

VP Reports:

- VP of Family Nights, Laila Collins:
 - Paul Dutton is the chair for Missoula Children's Theater. We still are in need of host families for the directors.
 - We don't have a chair for the Science Fair/Invention Convention. Louisa will talk with the parents of the Sci/Tech students to see if any of them are interested in chairing the event.
 - Danielle Hunter is chairing Multicultural night. Information on the event went home this week, and volunteer sign-ups are on the website.
- Fundraising:
 - The idea of an auction was brought up as a possible future fundraiser.
 - We used to have auctions, but stopped because it took more time and raised less money than the Jog-a-Thon.
 - Other schools with successful auctions rent out a hall and advertise it as a night out for parents and other adult family members. Funds are raised through entry ticket sales, sales of donated items, and sales of class projects.
 - Running an auction is a huge undertaking and we would need a team to chair it.

- The cost of running an auction can be very high (purchasing necessary accounting software, renting a venue, hiring an auctioneer, ect.)
- Having an auction and Jog-a-Thon in one year is too much to ask of parents, but it is too risky to forgo the Jog-a-Thon with the hope that an auction will net as much or more money than the Jog-a-Thon.
- We are considering holding a silent auction at the carnival as an intermediary step. We will need a separate committee for the silent auction, as the carnival committee can't take on another project.

Staff Report, Kelsey Smith:

- McTeacher night, March 2015. The teachers would prefer to not work in the kitchen so that they can have more of a presence out front, at the registers, and in the drive through. Students are excited to come and see their teachers, but when the teachers are working in the kitchen they are not visible. Lynda Maybury, the chair, will look into McDonald's guidelines.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8pm.

Next Meeting: Monday, January 26 at 6:30pm in the Briarwood Library.

Submitted by:

Diane Oberg
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