

**September PTO Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, October 7th, 2013**

Meeting called to order at 6:03 PM by Tammie Ciszewski. Motion made to accept treasurer's report by Lori Doyle and second by Katie Ressman. Vote was unanimous.

**Principal's Message:**

- Katie O'Sullivan (associate principle) gave the principles message this month. She is excited to be back in New Berlin after in being in Germantown. She had taught 6<sup>th</sup> grade at Elmwood in New Berlin.
- MAP testing will be completed this week.
- Bullying presentation is coming up – Brady Reinke will be leaving voice messages next week to remind parents of the parent presentation on October 2st. The parent presentation is also open to the whole school district.

**Committee Reports:**

- **Market Day**
  - We did have the best September for orders this year.
  - Any new customers can use the code NEWFIVE for a \$5 discount on orders.
- **Box Tops**
  - The fall competition will be October 21<sup>st</sup> – November 14<sup>th</sup>.
  - The top two classrooms will receive money to spend for classroom supplies.
  - Keep the Pick N Save "Box Top" receipts – we get credit for those.
- **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Committee**
  - 6<sup>th</sup> grade will be selling concessions at Creek Crawl.
- **Creek Crawl**
  - Donations are coming in.
  - T-shirt sorting and decorating will be done on October 10<sup>th</sup> after school.
  - We have 50+ volenteers for the night of the Creek Crawl. The sign up genie has worked well for signing up volunteers.
  - 6:15 is the official walk time.
  - Children must be with a chaperone – they cannot be at the Creek Crawl or dance without a chaperone.
  - Lee Bernfeld will be selling a Poplar Creek book with profits going to the special education department at Poplar Creek.
- **Skate Night**
  - Skate night is November 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - Admission is \$5
- **Campbell's Soup Labels (no report)**
- **Tyson Project A+ (no report)**
- **Kindergarten Orientation (no report)**
- **Dr. Seuss Night**
  - There is a teacher committee to organize Dr. Seuss Night which is meeting regularly.
  - They are looking to incorporate a math theme this year
  - They are also looking at having community members, student council members, or high school students be special readers this year.

- The tentative date is February 27<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30.
- **Basket Raffle (no report)**
- **Spaghetti Dinner (no report)**
- **Assemblies (no report)**
- **Carnival**
  - Lori Doyle will be chair of this committee
- **Spring Play**
  - Will be having a spring play this year. Lori Hartman-Keiser will be running the play.
  - There will be only so many spots available in the play and there will be try outs. There is a possibility that not every student will be in the play.
  - Katie Resson made a motion to approve \$2000 for funds for the play. It was seconded by Lee Bernfeld. Vote was unanimous.
- **Spirit Wear**
  - Melissa Caravella will chair this committee.
  - Meet with Chappell sports and will have an order form in early November.
- **Coke Rewards (no report)**
- **Memory Book (no report)**
- **Teacher Appreciation**
  - Jen Wesolowski looking into people to chair this committee
- **Entertainment Books**
  - The sale is wrapping up.
  - Sold 70 books which is \$700 profit for Poplar Creek.
- **Cousin Subs Fundraiser (no report)**
- **School Supplies**
  - Tammie Ciszewski received an email from Staples School Kids about supply packs.
  - She will get quotes to compare to prices from last year.

### Old Business

- **Gaga Ball**
  - The concrete will be poured very soon.
  - Once the concrete is poured the lumber will be purchased.
- **Rummage Sale**
  - Brady Reinke checked with building and grounds to find out if it is possible to have a rummage sale in the spring at Poplar Creek.
  - Will need someone to chair this committee.

### New Business

- **Accompanist**
  - Instead of having recorded music at Fine Arts night we would have an accompanist that would play the piano for the children to sign to.
  - It would be \$400 for all of the Fine Arts concerts at Poplar Creek.

### Open Discussion:

- Jen Wesolowski asked for various financial approvals. \$500 for student financial support, \$50 for raffle license (for basket raffle), \$100 for miscellaneous PTO expenses, and \$400 for Box Top prizes. Motion made by Lee Bernfeld and second by Anna Mack. Vote was unanimous.
- We have a general fund for art supplies and \$850 were approved for supplies for Kids Kreations.
- At the next PTO it would be nice if Brady Reinke could explain what some of the specials teachers do and their role at Poplar Creek.
- The Poplar Creek PTO will be meeting with PTOs from other New Berlin schools to gather ideas for fundraisers/parent participation/activities.
- Thank you to the PTO from the second grade teachers for assignment notebooks. They have been a great help.

**President's Message:**

- Please remind the students about donations for Creek Crawl – even \$1 counts towards class participation. All classes that have 100% participation will receive an ice cream party and the classroom that raises the most money will receive a pizza party.

**Motion to Adjourn:**

- Deb Dempsey made a motion to adjourn meeting at 6:51 seconded by Paula Kneprath, passed unanimously.

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