

# MINUTES

## Poplar Creek PTO

*Date | time* 10/3/2016 6:00 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Lori Doyle

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### Approval of Minutes

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Motion: Kaiti Ressman

Second: Katie Traber

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### Reports

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**Principal's Report** – Matt Stempniewski discussed conferences. Parents can get in touch with teachers any time between now and November. Specific conference dates are Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, and Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Teachers may or may not be at school on all of those nights. Gym, art, and music teachers will be, as well as principals.

**President's Report** – Lori Doyle discussed PTO Pack News. The first email was sent out. Out of 550 sent, 245 were opened. Our email address might be a problem, sending it to spam folders. A reminder will be in the Friday Folder regarding PTO Pack News.

**Treasurer's Report** – Joe Dietrich reported that Creek Crawl money is coming in, both physical and PayPal. With PayPal, people are not putting name/teacher in the notes. We need to propose a budget for this year, but will wait until Creek Crawl to see how much we bring in. As of now, there is a possible \$-9 at the end of the year.

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### Fundraising Committee Reports

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**Creek Crawl (Lori Doyle) – Fall:** Student shirts will be arriving Tuesday or Wednesday before Creek Crawl. 6<sup>th</sup> grade will be selling concessions and holding a silent auction. Samples of spirit wear will be available, and Kids Kreation samples will be available to see.

**Kids Kreations (Sally Firth) – Fall:** Samples available at Creek Crawl.

**Box Tops (Kate Blank) – Year-round:** Classroom challenge in two weeks. 25 box tops or more will get a free ticket to a Wave game.

**Campbell's Soup Labels – Year-round:** This is the last year for this. When turning them in, we need the bar code plus the tag.

**Coke Rewards (Jen Wesolowski) – Year-round:** If anyone wants to help enter codes, let Jen know.

**Spirit Wear (Melissa Caravella) – Year-round:** Merchandise selection is finalized. Water bottles and backpacks will not be available. Samples available at Creek Crawl.

**Restaurant Fundraiser (Scott Krajcir) – Year-round:** \$38.85 made at Cousins last month. This month is at Blaze Pizza. We can get it posted on the New Berlin District Facebook page, contact Dave Cotey.

**Yearbook (Jenny Mallinger) – Year-round:** Group picture being taken Creek Crawl Friday during school hours.

**Indoor Rummage Sale** chair is James O'Connell.

**Craft Fair (Angel Elam) – Winter:** The gym is available on Saturdays. We would have to pay the custodians overtime. There is room for 28 booths, which is a 10x10 space for \$25. We could sell concessions, and also ask for 10% of the sales. Optimal date is Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>. We would advertise to school families first to buy booth space, then open it up to the public.

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## Activities Committee Reports

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**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Committee (Tracy and Dave Maxey) – Year-round:** First fundraiser is selling Chick-fil-a calendars. They are also selling concessions, 50/50 raffle, plus silent auction at Creek Crawl. Next meeting is Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 in the library.

**Bingo Night (Vicki Conrad) – Year-round:** First Bingo Night will be Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm.

**Skate Night (Dena Graesing) – Fall/Spring:** Dena will come with dates to the next meeting.

**Assemblies (Kaiti Ressman) – Fall/Spring:** Laser show was a success, positive feedback from staff and students. Next assembly will be in April and will be the Japanese drums.

**Scholastic Book Fair (Mary Nolan) – Fall/Spring:** Will begin early November. Mary will be putting together a Sign-Up Genius for volunteers.

**Teacher Appreciation (Angel Elam/Dena Graesing) – Spring:** Tracy Maxey will give binder of information to Angel.

**Spring Play (Amber Ortinger) – Spring:** Amber will be starting Drama Club depending upon the funding decision. See “Unfinished Business.”

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## Unfinished (Old) Business

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- Spring Play – should this be a paid position or strictly volunteer?
  - Amber Ortinger was in attendance and spoke about her experience. She had up to 4 rehearsals a week, totally 100 hours with the students, plus an extra 20-30 hours outside of time with students, getting set pieces, cutting wood, painting, calling parents, audition papers, casting roles, etc. \$600 was spent towards supplies, such as paint, linens, makeup, costumes, and props. Amber’s husband’s work provided the wood and paper. Amber did not have to pay royalties for this past play. She spent time ordering sweatshirts. Amber is a foster mother and needs specific people to babysit, which took time to set up. She spent time reading scripts.
  - Other schools: musical put on by music teacher and gets a stipend from the school plus \$1000 from PTO.
  - Mandy McCumber is willing to research what other schools are doing.
  - Tammie Cizewski brings up the point that other extra-curricular activities require a fee.
  - What about charging admission?
  - Costume donation after Halloween?
  - Transition over a few years to make the play/drama club its own self-funding group without PTO funding.
  - Two 6<sup>th</sup> grade students came and spoke about the importance of the play and what it means to them.
  - Mandy proposes motion to fund play at \$2000, Katie seconds. Motion passes, will be included in this year’s budget.

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## New Business

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- 600 bracelets were given as an in-kind donation by the Riccolas. They will be handed out to students prior to the 3-day weekend as a reminder for Creek Crawl.
- Lori will call the Big Backyard about fundraising opportunities.
- Katie Traber in attendance representing the Behavior Team. Discussed “Duct Tape Dad” and other fundraising ideas to the team, but they were overwhelmed with the organizational aspect of it. Questioned “Smencils” but 6<sup>th</sup> grade already sells these.

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## Next Meeting

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November 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm, Poplar Creek Library

Motion to adjourn: Tammie Cizewski Second: Kaiti Ressman