

The meeting started at 6:00 pm. Present board members: Kelly Kmieske, Tom Leone, Christine Gilbert, Melissa Nickel, Wendy Brademeyer, & Kim Kratzer along with 19 other PTO members for a total of 25 attendees.

### I. Review of Minutes

A request for questions & comments on last month's minutes.

### II. Treasurers Report

PTO earnings, expenditures, budget

- We got \$175.48 back to deposit into the checking account; it was extra money from the Teacher Conferences Dinner.
- We made \$256.78 on the vending machines this month.

See the financials online at <http://www.southarborpto.com/financials.html>.

### III. Funding Requests – *all will be voted on during the meeting*

- a. Annual Budget Item Requests for the 2012-2013 school year! \$24,000+ **APPROVED**

#### DISCUSSION:

- The budget is set to come up with an idea, but we do not have to have EVERYTHING in the budget, we just need to get the big picture.
- Busses – we are looking at \$750 per grade to dedicate.
- We are looking into stabilizing the pricing for bussing by having a contract across the board for the school year. Jen Young found some good suppliers for bussing with some decent rates – we hope to get a group rate.
- Special assemblies – anti-bullying, etc.
- \$400 to all special teachers for supplies. We are technology to the list, she was forgotten. We decided to leave the library off of the specials list because they have the Scholastic book fair.
- We are going to add Building and Grounds to the line items and then put “cafeteria tables”.
- Tom moved to vote; Cindy Kumpelis seconded.

- b. Mrs. Arnold - \$200 to purchase more clay and finish costs for the hallway art frames. Nicole Ridenour motioned to vote, Tom seconded. We voted. **APPROVED**

- c. Vote on Labels for Education spending – teachers have submitted requests to receive items for the “soup” labels. We want to spend this year's points – about 21,000. Nicole had about 20 responses of items that teachers wanted. Nicole explained that as a board, we would like to draw the points. Maria C. motioned to vote, Craig seconded. **APPROVED**

Nicole then did the drawing.

- Moberg – 6 playground balls – 850 points

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- Moberg – balance beam – 5,950 points
- Buczek – electronic label maker – 4,000 points
- Arnold – bell – 2,050 points
- Vega – dry erase kit – 700 points
- Moberg – 6 more playground balls – 850 points
- Bondy – CD player – 3,900
- Arnold – oil pastels – 3,200
- Vega – pencils – 1,100

The items have been ordered and will take about 2-3 weeks to arrive. The PTO will present them to the teachers at assembly.

- d. Laminator \$1,800 **APPROVED**

**DISCUSSION:**

Melissa Nickel spoke about our laminator - it is old and used. Our current one has been breaking down a lot; and is currently not working. We are going to be needing a laminator, a fax machine and the teacher's refrigerator is also ready to break; NHA has a small equipment fund, but it is not enough to cover all of these items. Christine motioned to vote. Kelly motioned to second.

Craig Bergman said that he will ask Mrs. Bondy about getting a list of items from Mrs. Bondy that we will be asked to support for small equipment.

**IV. Updates**

- Car decals are not going to be ordered this year. We are still waiting on a final "proof". It will be resubmitted at the beginning of next school year. It was too much of a rush, and Kim Kratzer is working on a logo – which needs to be approved with Bondy, etc. It should be ready to go at the beginning of the coming school year.
- Non-profit status update.  
Since the meeting, we have been approved! We are now a non-profit. And remember, donations are tax deductible!
- Anti-bullying special assembly set for June 4<sup>th</sup> (changed from the 5<sup>th</sup>) for all of ALP and 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students.

This is a free service. Each grade will have a presentation separately for about an hour. The main focus is on cyber bullying. Thank you Kim Kratzer for setting this up.

- Lunch tables have been "tabled". Staff wants to have the same look of lunch tables, so it will be pushed into the beginning of next year and re-voted upon. Young 5's and kindergarten will be eating lunch in their classrooms.

**DISCUSSION:**

Is there a different quality? Not that we know of, it's the same vendor, just a different color.

Even if the kindergarteners do not eat in the gym, there is a need of extra table space.

It was requested that the kindergarteners are able to eat in the gym; but we explained that it is not a space issue, it is a time issue. We need to have the gym free for classes, etc.

e. Updates on the “scholarship” program – Frances.

Frances explained that she did not see a big need for the scholarship program, and that there would be issues with people filling out the application. Frances mentioned that maybe there can be a music scholarship/fund out there such as targeted grants or sponsorships. Or, there could be a pilot program that people could look into.

It was mentioned that the PTO does not want to have the pressure of judging who can afford things.

Mr. Middlin would like to see it work in the school. Frances mentioned that maybe a grant or other program is out there for music.

f. VolunteerSpot.com

Christine spoke about the site and that it can be useful. Craig Bergman mentioned that maybe it could be used for the scholarship issue; and be anonymous. It is a great site to use as a sign-up sheet instead of the “reply all” emails. This site link can be sent in an email for people to sign up for items such as Teacher’s Conference Dinners. This way, when an item is selected (that someone is going to bring), it is deducted from the list. It works like a bridal registry.

It can also be used on volunteering your time as well. It is a great spot to organized classroom party requests, parent lunch duty, items wanted for the classroom, etc.

V. Open Floor

This will be a limited time frame.

- Christine will add to the website and PTO email a request for a teacher’s room refrigerator. – done
- Beth S. is stepping down from the Book Fair Team Leader. So, we are in need of a new one for the next school year. Would you like to volunteer? If so, please contact Kelly Kmieske at [VicePresident@SouthArborPTO.com](mailto:VicePresident@SouthArborPTO.com).
- Cindy Kumpelis said that the middle school dance was a success. There were 82 kids in attendance. Fast songs, a great DJ, some snacks...a ton of fun (and exercise!). It was not put on to be a fundraiser, so there was only \$6 made.
- PTO meeting \$10 Target gift card winners: The parent winner was Beth Simionescu. The teacher winner was Julie Whiston – won because of Kayleigh Gilbert’s parent attending.
- Melissa Nickel informed us that the March of Dimes walk raised over \$2,000.

VI. Closing

Tom motioned to adjourn the meeting. Melissa Marowell seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

VII. Next Meeting

Next school year! Have a great summer!

