

South Arbor PTO

Meeting Minutes-September 15, 2014

6:00 pm, Music Room

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Tahra Harrell, seconded by Cindy Kumpelis

Attendees-24 members

Board Members in Attendance: Tahra Harrell, Kim Kratzer, Jen Young, Liz Wynn, Matt Hudson, Megan Willson

Members in Attendance: Wei Liu, Catherine Tabor, Arthur Tackett, Vernnaliz Carrasquillo, Edgardo Reyes, Takisha Mastin, Michael Mayrend, Renee West, Cindy Kumpelis, Scott Wells, Yan Lei, Gene Zelinsky, Christina Hasselkus, Kim Bondy, Cherie Dotson, Javon Jason, Angela Thompson, Tom Leone

I. Introductions of PTO Board

II. Approval of the May meeting's minutes – motion to approve by Jen Young

III. Treasurer's Report

- a. Jen is still working on a spread sheet of her own. The board has for 2014-15; planned operating expenses of \$30,090, and an estimated income of \$27,590. Our bank balance as of 8/26/14 was \$13,782.60. We reminded the members that we desire to have \$8,000.00 in reserves.

IV. Funding Requests

- a. Michael Mayrend is representing Lego First and is requesting \$600 to help cover the clubs fees. **Approved; 24 votes; 21 yes, 3 no**

Michael said this is an introduction into engineering for students who are ages 9-14, and in 4th-8th grade. Students will be using the Lego products and the LEGO mind storm to build a robot. Students will go to a competition in Monroe. To get things up and running parents of current students have covered the funding. They are also looking to get sponsorships. Information that was submitted prior to the start of school was; Start up item costs; LEGO mind storms challenge kit \$499, game table \$50, annual mat and field pieces \$75, national registration \$225, Michigan qualifier registration (November) \$100, South Arbor room deposit \$125, for a total of \$1074. Then there would be added costs from; additional robotic sensors and extra battery: \$275, Michigan State Championship registration (December). \$150, team t-shirts (optional) \$100, for a total of \$525. Grand total of \$1599 for the team.

DISCUSSION:

Question: How many students can be on a team? Michael said 10

Question: Will the equipment carry over to the next team? Michael said yes

Question: Will this unit expire? Michael said in 7-10 years

Question: If the first team is already paid for, what will the \$600 go towards? Michael said, a second team and equipment.

- b. Kim Krater is requesting \$500 to cover set up fees for the Fun Run Fundraiser. **Approved; 20 votes; 20 yes, 1 no**

Kim is going to run a Fun Run Fundraiser on October 27th. This will replace selling cookie dough and will be our big fall fundraiser. The Get Moving crew will cover all of the set up for us. We will also have to pay the company \$6 per student that participates. This will be Y5-8th grade, so \$4,770 will have to be paid to them, but Kim hopes that this will be a great success and that we could raise \$25,000 from this fundraiser. There will be a kick off assembly on October 7th and the Get Moving Crew will handle that as well. We will offer incentives to the students and teachers. Possible incentives will be Ipads, and a stay at Kalahari. Parents will be able to create a secure online donation page for each of their students. On race day every student will participate whether they raised money or not. The run is 45 minutes long and each student receives a race number, pedometer and a popsicle at the end of the race. The Get Moving crew will provide music pom poms, and a mascot.

DISCUSSION:

Question: Who gives/pays for the incentives? Kim said the Get Moving Crew does not offer the incentives; the cost of the incentives will come off of what is raised.

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- c. Srinu Kallakuri and Gopal Kamat, on behalf of the South Arbor Science Olympiad Team, are requesting \$100. This is in addition to the budgeted \$500. [Approved; 21 votes; 21 yes 0 no](#)

Mrs. Bondy covered this topic. In the past South Arbor only had participants from the elementary grades, but last year two students competed from Middle School. The middle school was very successful but could not advance because the team was not large enough. Making the budget \$600 will help cover the costs to add a middle school team.

V. Updates & New Items

- a. Kim Kratzer, on behalf of the events committee, stated that their goal is to have one event a month and one dining for dollars a month. They have some dates set, but mostly what they would like to do each month.
October 24th is Trunk or Treat, with a movie to follow on the school play ground
November: A Dad's Tailgate while listening to the Lions game
December: Parents Night Out
January: Sky Zone
February: Daddy Daughter Dance
March 6th: AUCTION, at Polo Fields
April: Zap Zone
May: Band Picnic Palooza
They do not have any restaurants reserved yet for dining out nights. If anyone knows of a restaurant that participates in these events please let them know.
- b. House Color Shirt sales have started and will go until September 26th. Kim Kratzer is running this sale. She has created an online store with Square and it is available on the PTO website. There are paper copies of the order forms available also. Once the orders are placed, shirts will be delivered in 1-2 weeks.
- c. Tahra Harrell announced that if anyone would like to take on the fundraiser, Popcorn Fridays, please fill out a fundraiser request form. All fundraisers must have a fundraising request form submitted each school year.
- d. Liz Wynn discussed the Box Tops for Education program. This school year we are collecting the Box Tops in each classroom on the 3rd Thursday each month. The teacher of the classroom that collects the most Box Tops will win a \$25 gift card and the classroom will have a trophy to display for the month. Box Tops are submitted twice a year and the school receives a check (each Box Top is worth 10 cents). Nov 3rd will be the next submission date. The PTO will receive a check for the submitted Box Tops about 6 weeks later. Thursday September 18th will be the first classroom collection. Liz is looking for volunteers to help trim and count the Box Tops on Thursday September 18th from 12:30-3 in the Parent Room.
- e. Tahra Harrell encouraged PTO members to please sign up for the Kroger Community Rewards program. They will not send us a check unless we've earned at least \$25. The last time she checked, only 4 families had signed up.
- f. Liz Wynn reminded everyone of the sheet that was sent home the first week of school that listed all the "free" fundraisers that families can participate in, such as Box Tops, Labels for Education, Tyson A+, Aunt Millie's School Spirit, Kroger Community Rewards, Amazon Smile, & Target Take Charge of Education.

VI. **Adjournment-** The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm by Tahra Harrell and seconded by Scott Wells

VII. **Next Meeting** – Monday, October 6, 2014 at 6:00 pm