

Maple Ridge Parent/Teacher Organization
Thursday, November 9, 2017

Officers attending: Heather Drake, Jennifer Stewart, Jennifer Reef, Leah Grobey, Lindsey Lawrence, Kristi Scherer, Reagan Goss

General Attendance: **10** adults

Heather opened the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Welcome and Introductions by all members in attendance

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (HEATHER DRAKE)

- **Upcoming Events** – Parents Night Out, Jingle Bell Shop, Carnival
 - Parents Night Out
 - Link in Newsletter
 - Messenger sent by Mr. Lord
 - Art canvas in 3 different groups, slime, short movies, food, games
 - 6-10 pm, limited to 90 children
 - \$15 per child, \$10 per child for families of 3 or more, ½ for volunteers
 - Jingle Bell Shop
 - December 12-15
 - No Parent Shop Night this year
 - Volunteer link will be similar to Book Fair link
 - Carnival
 - MRE added to insurance for Zip Line use

- **Teacher Requests** – Teacher requests can be submitted to the PTO for consideration. Last school year no request for purchases were submitted to the PTO. A Teacher Request Form has been created and given to all teachers should they want to make a request. All requests must be approved by PTO members.
 - Marta Nunley – picture frames from Hobby Lobby for Commons area (\$60-\$80)
 - Rachel Moe – Robotics Club Shirts, 15 total (\$165)
 - Joel Westman – 120 flashlights for 1st grade Christmas Program
 - Voted all in favor for the 3 teacher requests above

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT (JENNIFER STEWART)

- **Website** – MRE PTO website is www.mapleridgepto.com. If you would like to see any additional items listed on the calendar please email the PTO.
 - From September 1st to November 1st
 - 213 people visited website, 44% returning, 56% new visitors
 - 4 minutes and 19 seconds is average time spent on website

- **Skating Party**
 - 75 skaters (\$75 profit), 29 skaters at last skating event
 - Kids liked the addition of tokens, games, interactive, benefit of free skating lesson

SECRETARY'S REPORT (JENNIFER REEF)

- **Meeting Minutes Approval Process** – Meeting minute app
 - Last month's meeting minutes approved as written
- **Carnival Chairperson** –
 - We are looking for people to chair the following committees for the carnival
 - Silent Auction
 - Games
 - Food
 - Prizes
 - Volunteers
 - Vendors
 - The following committees have a chairperson assigned
 - Gift Baskets
 - Set up
 - Tear down

TREASURER'S REPORT (LEAH GROBEY)

- **Financial Report**
 - Ending Balance as of July 31st - \$24,883.17
- **Second Account**
 - Opened to attach to ATM cards and safeguard more money
- **Movie Licensing**
 - Paid \$719 for 2 years
- We're staying within our budget and doing well financially at this time.
- For a detailed copy of the Treasurer's Report, contact Leah Grobey.

GOODWILL COORDINATORS' REPORT (REAGAN GOSS and CHASITY DESPAIN)

- **Teacher Meals** (Chasity)
 - Next meal will be after January 12
- **Scholastic Book Fair / Birthday Books** (Reagan)
 - Biggest Book Fair MRE has had to date
 - Sold over 1451 book for a total of \$11,606.59

VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS REPORT (Lindsey Lawrence)

- **Volunteers**
 - Still need classroom ambassadors for the following teachers
 - Dietrich
 - Collins
 - Ray
 - Ezell
 - Habben
 - Paulsen
- **Ridge Readers Program**
 - Lisa Barkdull is working with Audra Tilton on a shirt design.
 - Whitaker Realty Group would like to sponsor the shirts.
 - Ridge Reader program has a committee in place.

DONATIONS COORDINATOR (KRSITY SCHERER)

- **Sponsors/Donations YTD** – Over \$3,000 in sponsorships for events thus far: Pool Party, Back to School Night, Salute to Summer Concert
- **Box Tops** – Each box top is worth 10 cents. Activity sheets will be sent home with your child throughout the year to collect as many as possible. Classes that collect the most each time will receive an award. Box Top instructions will be sent out in the PTO newsletter along with information on the Box Top App.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (John Lord)

- Had a great Veteran's Day program
- McDonald's night will be 11/15 – 20% of sales will go to MRE
- Holiday Helping Hands tree going up in office next week

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. The next meeting of the PTO will be on Wednesday, January 17, 2017 at 6:30 pm.