

Eastridge Parent Teacher Organization
Monthly Meeting
February 7, 2017 7pm Eastridge Media Center

Welcome & Introductions

Members in attendance: Emily Dutter, Lisa Hoffman, Cara Frost, Sian Jones-Jobst, Kelly Braswell, Erin Chambers, Wes Juranek, Nicole Juranek, David Krause, Angie Alesio, Kris Brenneis, Deb Dabbert, Megan Paul, Deb Keslar, and Carolin Roehr

Approval of the Minutes from 1/10/2017- Tabled for March meeting.

Treasurer's Report, Kelly Braswell: There are current subscription problems with Quickbooks, so all values are approximate. The current checking value is \$11,000.00 with \$1,800.00 in outstanding checks. \$3,000.00 was received from Scrap Central.

Principal's Report, Deb Dabbert: Movie night was a success. Science Fair is upcoming with registration closing Feb. 16. Thank you to Angie Alesio and Bob Reeker for the meals provided for faculty at conferences. James Gustafson will be starting the running club again after spring break to help students prepare for the Mayor's Run. A Perception Survey will go out on Feb.17. This survey to families about how they perceive the strengths of the school is now being done on a yearly basis. Questions have been raised about the transition to a new principal with the news of Mrs Dabbert's retirement. The principal's job has been posted. Interviewing will begin in late February- March. The transition will begin with the new principal working with Mrs. Dabbert this Spring and into June. The new principal will fill the vice-president of PTO position.

Teacher's Report: Deb Keslar thanked the PTO for their support throughout conference meals and Book Fair. Carolin Roehr expressed appreciation for the Valentine's bags for teachers also.

Old Business/Committee Updates

1. **Master Calendar 2016-2017, Emily Dutter:** No updates.
2. **Eagles' Nest and Grounds Committee Update** Co-Chairs: Pat Janike and Lora Carpenter-Janike, Deb Dabbert Reporting: Tonight's committee meeting postponed due to conferences. Lora is pursuing a grant that would pay for plants in the mulched area. Pat has submitted the Lowes grant.
3. **Eastridge Earnings Update** Chair: Wendy O'Brien No Report
4. **Movie Night (The Secret Life of Pets), January 20th** Chairs: Melissa Zahourek: This event had a good turnout. There is discussion of mounting the screen higher for movie nights for easier viewing and a larger seating area.
5. **Holiday Lights Drive Final Numbers** Co-Chairs: Bob Reeker and Angie Alesio: Angie Reported the results of this year's drive. 7,800 lbs were collected Scrap Central gave back \$.30 per pound this year and donated an additional \$660 for a total of \$3,000.00 raised through the drive. Scrap Central is matching the PTO's 10% donation to Lincoln Fire fighters Operation Warm for a total donation of \$468.00 to that cause. Scrap Central received grants from the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality and the Nebraska Environment Trust to upgrade for processing of the wire on site. This allowed them to give back the additional \$.10 to the PTO.
6. **Family Wellness Night, January 31:** Deb Dabbert reporting: Thanks to staff for hosting the Wellness Fair, about 280 were in attendance.

7. **Scholastic Book Fair**, February 7th-10th Co-Chairs: Kris Brenneis and Cara Frost: Gross for the first day's sales is \$1,700.00. Sales are on target with previous fairs. More volunteers are needed for take down.
8. **Teacher Conference Meals**, February 7th & 9th, Co-Chairs: Angie Alesio, Bob Reeker: This is in process with Premier Catering providing the meals.
9. **Dine Out Nights** Chair: Emily Dutter, Don and Millies dine out night was Feb. 6. Raising Canes and Granite City are being approached for additional dine out nights. It was also suggested to contact Applebees and Amigos as possible participants.

New/Upcoming Business

1. **Class Parties**, February 14th Chair: Ann Bender, parties have been planned, reminders have gone out to volunteers, and the treats have been ordered.
2. **Edible Car Night**, February 16th Chair: Emily Dutter, Mrs. Dabbert reported that normal participation level is 20 - 25 families. Registration forms are due next week.
3. **Science Fair**, Feb. 28: Emily Dutter reporting: Forms are due Feb. 16. Students can sign up as teams of two if desired.
4. **Skate Night**, March 23rd Chair: Heidi Widner, Theme has not yet been announced.
5. **Bike Rodeo**, April 7th (Rain Date 21st) Co-Chairs: Chris and Sara Hansen: No report
6. **Spring Recycling Drive**, April 22nd Chair: Angie Alesio: The drive will be from 10 - 12 noon. Adult volunteers are needed. There is an Eastridge account set up with Scrap Central so if people have larger items to take up to Omaha on their own, it can be credited to Eastridge.
7. **Adult Fundraiser Night**, April 29th Co-Chairs: Bob Reeker and Juliann Riley, Erin Chambers reported on the last committee meeting. The auction will have both live and silent components. Donations are being requested for this.
8. **Walk A Thon**; Planning meeting is upcoming.
9. **Board members 2017-2018** Nominations will be made at the April Meeting, with voting at the May Meeting. Many board members are returning for next year. President-Elect will be an open position.