

Circle Benton Elementary
PTO Meeting
October 1, 2018 6:30 – 7:30PM

Meeting duration: 79 min | Call to order: 6:32pm | Meeting end: 7:51pm | Attendance: 17

Officer Reports:

Secretary: September 2018 Minutes – Read, motioned, seconded and accepted.

Treasurer: September 2018 check register - reviewed, motioned, seconded and accepted.

Room Mom Coordinator: Planning on having a meeting before the fall parties which will be on 10/31.

Communications Coordinator: Directories are being printed this week.

Old Business:

- **Trash Bag Sale:** Sales are complete for the year. There are some extra cases of yellow bags which can be sold if anyone is interested in them. If we don't get them sold we can hang on to them and use them for next year's sales. We have increased in sales and profits every year. The first year we sold them in 2015 we sold 849 rolls and made a profit of approximately \$4,000.00. This year we sold 1,430 rolls and made a profit of \$5,767.00. Proceeds from the sale this year will go towards a new swing set for the front playground.
- **PTO Mixer at Stearman:** Fairly good turnout for first time doing this. We believe approximately 15 families attended. Enough money was raised to cover expenses. Will plan on doing this again next year. Suggestion was made that we increase advertising and do it earlier as some weren't aware of the event until a day or so before.
- **Dinner Night Out at Freddy's:** We will be doing this or something similar quarterly. We made a profit of \$98.00 from this first one. Various ideas were brought up during discussion including doing nights at McAlister's Deli and Slim Chickens. Another suggestion was talking to McDonalds – they have a program where either students or teachers are there as servers.
- **Homecoming Parade:** While we did participate due to the short notice we had a very small turnout. If we decide to do this next year we need to plan our participation earlier.

New Business:

- **Spring Fling Discussion:** We would like to do something different this year but still need to have something that will be a fundraising activity for PTO. Discussions included doing some sort of carnival with rides and food on Benton Day or a fireworks stand. Another idea was to have a glow dance for the students where a ticket would get them in and give them 3 glow sticks. Persons with ideas and suggestions are asked to research them and bring them with them to the next meeting.
- **Conference Dinner – Tuesday, October 23rd:** The teachers would like soup and sandwiches such as they have had in the past. There will be a Signup Genius to bring in side items and desserts.
- **Fall Parties – Wednesday, October 31st – 2:30 pm:** Room Mom's will coordinate the parties with the help of other classroom parents.
- **Honor Roll Breakfast:** The breakfast was originally scheduled for Wednesday, October 31st. As that day is already eventful with fall parties and the Halloween holiday it was decided to postpone the honor roll breakfast to Wednesday, November 7th. This will need to be communicated to parents so that everyone knows. Amy May will take care of getting the juice; Meghan Shave will pick up the donuts.
- **Fab – October 19th:** Would like some help with taking Fab Family pictures.

Updates:

Principal Update: Mr. Leis will look into purchasing the swing set so that it can be installed before the ground freezes. A motion was made, seconded and approved to spend up to \$5,500.00 without further discussion. Mr. Leis also suggested that we do trash bag pick up at the school next year rather than the community building. People could drive to the back of the school and then come back by the PTO room/resource room door to be loaded up. He suggested that one idea the PTO could look at funding would be additional Chrome books for the school so that 3rd through 6th could have a 1 to 1 ratio of Chrome books to students.

Counselors Update: No report.

Teachers Update: 1st grade just finished Johnny Appleseed unit. 5th grade is getting ready to start research on Native American's and 6th grade is busy with Egypt research. Mrs. Herrman and Mrs. Ethridge submitted a grant request in the amount of \$300 to cover costs for various activities they do during the year to enhance what the students are learning. The grant request was approved by the board.

Library Update: There will be an author visit on October 16th for grades Kindergarten through 3rd.

Benton Backyard: No report

Box Tops Coordinator: Box tops are due in October 19th.

Thursday Moms: There has been a good turnout on Thursday mornings of parents ready to help – it is much appreciated!

Meeting adjournment motioned, seconded and passed: 7:15 pm

Next PTO Meeting: Monday, November 5th, 6:30pm in the school library.