

**Circle Benton Elementary**  
**PTO Meeting**  
**September 10, 2018 6:30 – 7:30PM**

Meeting duration: 31 min | Call to order: 6:44pm | Meeting end: 7:15pm | Attendance: 11

**Officer Reports:**

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

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

**Room Mom Coordinator:** All classes have a room mom except for Mrs. Lavelle's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class. Room mom information was submitted for directory.

**Communications Coordinator:** No report.

**Old Business:**

- **Trash Bag Sale:** The sales ends September 12<sup>th</sup> and money is to be turned in on that day. Pick up will be September 20<sup>th</sup> after school and there will be a party for the students at some time after that date.
- **Book Fair & Family Night – Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> – 5pm to 8pm:** Although Mrs. Gahagan does not have final numbers the book fair and family night were a success despite the weather! She estimates that it went better than the one last fall and possibly better than the spring one.
- **Parent Night at Stearman – Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup> 6pm:** There will be a 50/50 raffle and other door prizes as well. Appetizers are ordered and we are hoping for a good turnout.
- **Dinner Night Out Coordinator:** Tara has made arrangements with Freddy's in El Dorado for September 18<sup>th</sup>.
- **Writing Contest:** There were several people who signed up to help Tonya with this at the Back to School night. More information will be coming out – the students will begin writing in October.

**New Business:**

- **September 21<sup>st</sup> FAB:** This will be the first FAB for the year. Order forms for new FAB shirts have been sent home with students and are due back September 12<sup>th</sup>. Shirts won't be available for the first FAB day but will be delivered before the one in October. Help will be needed in October to take pictures of FAB families.
- **Homecoming Parade:** The Circle High School Homecoming parade will be this Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. CBE PTO will walk in the parade as a group with our banner. Parents and their students are welcome to join the group. Meet at 4 pm in the high school parking lot – the parade will start at 5 pm.
- **Dinner Night Out Coordinator:** Fund raising opportunity where many of the local restaurants such as Freddie's and Papa Murphy's will work with us to set up a night that a portion of the sales will come to us. We need someone willing to work with these places to set this up on an every other month basis.
- **Writing Contest:** Most of the discussion for the writing contest was tabled to next month due to time. We did discuss that Tonya would like to form a committee made up of teachers and parents to oversee this.

**Updates:**

**Principal Update:** The swing set that Mr. Leis has identified will cost approximately \$5,000 uninstalled. District personnel could install. This is a smaller amount than was originally estimated for this item. In addition the water bottle fillers that had been discussed previously are also now less than estimated at \$950 each for the whole water fountain with filler unit.

**Counselors Update:** NWA testing is going on this week. Word of the month is initiative.

**Teachers Update:** 1<sup>st</sup> grade is working on addition and Vowel Town. It has been mentioned that the new math curriculum seems to be a little more challenging than the old one – if parents have any concerns they should contact their child’s teacher. The teachers received new laptops from the district this year which is helping them in their classrooms; in addition there are new chrome books on the way for students.

**Library Update:** No additional report.

**Benton Backyard:** No report

**Box Tops Coordinator:** No report

**Thursday Moms:** No report. Mr. Leis mentioned that there has been a good turnout for this which is much appreciated by the teachers!

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

**Next PTO Meeting: Monday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 6:30pm in the school library.**