

Circle Benton Elementary
PTO Meeting
September 9, 2019 6:30 – 7:30PM

Meeting duration: 90 min | Call to order: 6:30pm | Meeting end: 8:00pm | Attendance: 19

Officer Reports:

Secretary: August 2019 Minutes – Read, motioned, seconded and accepted.

Treasurer: No report presented due to technical issues. Report is attached to these minutes.

Room Mom Coordinator: All rooms have a Room Mom except for Mrs. Lee. A couple of her parents have expressed interest with helping; 6th grade classes may be combined for parties.

Communications Coordinator: Working on the directory; the goal is to have it done by the end of September. Facebook page is now a combined school/PTO page. There will be more pictures posted by school teachers and staff. Picture opt out list has now been sent out to staff and Darci in order to make sure that children on it won't have pictures posted.

President – 2019 Board Goals – Carry over from last year:

- **Trash Bag Sale - Ends on September 12th, pickup is September 19th:** Note will go home updating pickup date from the 20th to the 19th due to homecoming on the 20th. We profit \$5 per bag so purchase opt out amount is \$5.00.
- **Boo Hoo Breakfast:** Went well – although probably only 5% of parents attended. Need to maybe start it a little earlier in the morning and inform parents at the Kindergarten roundup in the spring so they are prepared for it. Maybe do a 1st day of kindergarten picture with their child and then the child goes one way and the parent the other for the breakfast.
- **Book Fair & Family Night/Mum Sale:** Very successful book fair this year – at least that is how it felt. Should have final \$ soon. Mum sales also went well; started with 24 mums and sold all but 6 at a profit of \$6 per plant. The 6 remaining will go to Benton Backyard. Melissa Smith was able to obtain donations for the cook out from Davis-Moore and Propane Central.

New Business:

- **Parent Night at Stearman – Friday, September 13th 6:30 pm:** PTO will again host a gathering at Stearman to allow parents and teachers to meet one another and hopefully to spur interest in PTO. PTO will provide some appetizers. 50/50 raffle will be done. Jenna has some Blaze Pizza gift cards to use for give aways. We will also try to get Stearman to donate a gift card or get another restaurant gift card and movie passes for a 'date night out' door prize. Flyers will be sent home with students.
- **Vintage & Artisan Sale – Sept 21st 10 am – 2 pm, Benton Park Shelter:** Sharon Long is putting this on and contacted us with the opportunity to provide food and raise some funds. We have left over chips and hot dogs from family night and condiments that could be used. Suggested sale of hot dog, chips and water for \$5. Brooke Wolf and Jenna Myers may be able to help.
- **September 27 – Fab:** This one is a get to know each other, pick group name, introductory meeting. Nothing needed from PTO.
- **Kindergarten Grant Request:** \$600 requested for activities such as muffins with Mom, donuts with Dad, etc. that go on through out the year. Motion was made to approve the grant; seconded and approved.

- **1st Grade Grant Request:** \$300 was requested to assist with costs for hands on activities throughout the year, the Kansas Day program and the Bug Lady visit. Motion was made to approve the grant, seconded and approved.
- **Homecoming Parade Float:** Mr. Leis will check with the teachers to see if any would be interested in walking in the parade. PTO will do donuts for participating teachers.
- **Swing-set Charges:** The district would like to be reimbursed for \$506 in expenses related to installing the new swing set (concrete, lumber, etc.). Members attending the meeting very strongly feel that the district should cover these charges as the swing-set itself was purchased with donated funds at no cost to the district. There was an overly long delay in the installation as the district said they would take care of it with no mention that they expected to be reimbursed any expenses.
- **Chipotle Night – October 8th:** School fund raiser night. There has to be a minimum of \$300 in sales by people who say they are there for CBE before we will make anything but if we reach that amount, we will receive 20% of sales. People eating there do have to mention that they are there for CBE or bring in flyer.
- **Writing Contest:** Tawnya will hold a meeting on Monday, September 16th at 3:30 for anyone who is interested in learning about the writing contest or helping with it.

Updates:

Principal Update: Facilities meeting held previous week. Discussions have begun on what facility improvements need to happen and Benton is at the top of the list as the oldest section of the building has reached the point where it would be more expensive to repair it than replace it. The group is looking at what each building needs to be ready for the future of our district. Significant growth in recent years primarily from the east and west sides of the district has allowed for a unique opportunity to prepare a bond issue that will be at little to no tax increase to district patrons. Meetings will continue to be held to determine what the needs are and how best to address them.

Counselors Update: N/A

Teachers Update: Getting back in the swing of things!

Library Update: Peter Lerangis will be visiting on October 3rd in the morning. This will be the only visit for the district so may have visitors from other schools.

Benton Backyard: N/A.

Box Tops Coordinator: N/A

Thursday Moms: N/A

Meeting adjourned: 8:00 pm

Next PTO Meeting: Monday, October 7th, 6:30pm in the school library.