

Park Elementary PTO Minutes September 13, 2011 7:00 p.m. in Park Cafeteria

Attendees: Teresa Scott, Rhonda Johnson, Kathy Amburgey, Kelly Elkins, Shannon Williams, Martha Rector, Vicki Mason, Gary Harbert, Julie Harbert, Andrea Baker, Jan Johnson, Keith Betteridge

Teresa Scott, President called the meeting to order. Everyone present introduced themselves and gave the name of their child/children at Park and grade level.

Principal Report: Andrea Baker, Park Principal reported that the year has started off with communication in monthly newsletters. Ms. Baker is working with several committees (one being a safe community committee-which will work on dismissal issues). Shannon Williams mentioned how appreciative she was of the communication between Park teachers and staff and parents.

Treasurer report: Rhonda Johnson gave the report: balances in each account are school PTO account balance 8/31 \$6399.65 Bank account – 8/31 \$3647.04 Carnival account -8/31 \$2979.40. Shannon Williams made a motion to accept the report and the motion was seconded by Julie Harbert.

Other business: Julie Harbert brought of the subject of the Park benches that sit outside one of the classrooms. Ms. Baker will get input from teachers and staff to create a reading and writing area outside for the benefit of all students at Park. Ms. Baker also mentioned the possibility of having the students take ownership with the help of student council to create and outdoor learning area. The benches will be set up before the end of the 2012 school year for all students to use and enjoy learning.

\$500 donation from Fairmount Trustees to Park Elementary was also mentioned – Gary and Julie Harbert were curious how the money was spent. Ms. Baker will research the matter.

The \$1000 donation from Fairmount Round Robins was also discussed. Rhonda Johnson mentioned that Brenda Click has purchased second grade books to add to the current Park library.

Park Secretary open position -President Teresa Scott opened the floor for nominations. Shannon Williams asked for details for the position. She offered to fill the position. All persons voted in favor and motion carried for Shannon to fill the position.

James Dean Parent Watch and Parking – Sign up sheets were passed around so that persons could volunteer many more volunteers are needed. The signup sheets will be available in the office.

Jan Johnson introduced Keith Betteridge with Top in Sound company. Mr. Betteridge discussed in detail the sound system quote. He met with Noah Farmer (PTO Vice president) and Jan Johnson on several occasions to find a system that would best meet Park's needs. He offered many ideas of how to utilize a new system. The system that he quoted he says has the best bang for the buck, ease of operation, durability, size and use. The existing system falls short in many areas. His system which everything screws into and is customized for Park would be contained in one cart with ease of storing and best weight and convenience. The system can be used in the music department for convocations and possibly community events. It would service an audience up to 600 people easily. It would take 10 to 14 days after receipt. The quote is good for 60 days. 65% is due at the time of commitment, with the 35%

due upon receipt of installation. After Mr. Betteridge presented this information, he was thanked for his time and he left to attend another meeting. Much discussion was held about the quote. Kelly Elkins was concerned about the cost and whether the money is available. Rhonda Johnson noted that at the current time we do not have the funds until we know how much from the fundraiser and James Dean Parking will entail. Jan Johnson voiced a concern that she thought we had money in the spring and now we do not. The decision was tabled until the October meeting – at that time we will know fundraiser and parking profits. The three quotes are The Top in Sound \$4460.00, R & R Pro Audio \$4687.00, Sweetwater System \$4185.00.

A committee was formed to research grants – Kathy Amburgey, Shannon Williams, Andrea Baker and Jan Johnson are the members. Shannon will contact Harvey Barnes Sr. to find out the details for the Round Robins grant.

Kara Cribley guidance counselor request. Rhonda Johnson brought up that Kara Cribley would like \$150 to purchase t-shirts for students throughout the year who are chosen for exhibiting the character traits that Park is working on each week/month. Martha Rector moved that Mrs. Cribley be given \$150 and Shannon Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Kelly Elkins brought up that she cannot access her 2nd grade daughter's grades. Ms. Baker asked her to email her with the details and she would check into the problem. Grades are to be updated every Tuesday each week. However, there have been several technology glitches this year.

Ms. Baker asked for \$250 for organizational materials to improve the office management. Kelly Elkins moved to reimburse Ms. Baker from the State Bank account for items as needed up to \$250. Kathy Amburgey seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Julie Harbert motioned to adjourn the meeting. Kathy Amburgey seconded the motion and Teresa Scott adjourned the meeting.

Respectively submitted,

Rhonda K. Johnson