

**Patterson PTA
General Meeting
Agenda
November 6, 2014**

Present: Elaine Stecklein, Holly Duck, Liz Lawrence, Colleen Garrison, Becky Swartz, Julie Mitchell, Rita Malloy, Esther De Souza, Karen Young, Natasha Ditoro, Denise Schalliol, Danielle Minnerick, Loredena Yamada

I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 9:34 a.m.

III. **Approval of October 2, 2014 General Meeting Minutes**
Minutes are filed as written.

III. **Principal's Report ~ Michele Frost**

- Patterson Palooza ~ thank you to everyone for the Palooza and Fall parties! They were a success. The OT room received a new tricycle.
- Red Ribbon week
- ISAT results ~ the results have been Illinois Interactive School Report card reflects the results.
- PARCC ~ this is what will replace ISAT but it is not identical
- Common Core ELA is being introduced.
- Book Fair – open today, ends Friday at Noon.
- Veterans Day event next Tuesday the chorus will be singing in the evening.
- There is an A+ teacher award program through the District – if a Patterson teacher wins the school received \$500.
- Sunday – Center for the Gifted STEM day.
- Nov 20 at 9:15 a.m. is special needs coffee in room 107.

IV. **President's Report ~ Elaine Stecklein**

- Superintendent/ Dr. Sullivan is coming to the February 12, 2015 PTA meeting for a question and answer session. Please think about what you would like to discuss.
- Coat Drive ~ thank you to everyone who donate coats. There were 4 huge bags from Patterson; the coats go to needy families in the District.
- The PTA is offering each teacher \$75 “enrichment funds” to support their class room.

V. **Treasurer's Report ~ Becky Swartz**

- Palooza Results ~ fantastic results! We are up \$4200 - we wanted to make \$13,000 – we actually made \$17, 235. Last year we made \$14,900 and we made \$2500 more than the goal. All the PTA programs are able to be funded. Ideas are welcome.
- Haley photography fundraiser ~ this brought in \$1350. We owe Rebecca Haley half/ for her services \$675. Karen Young made the motion and Rita Malloy seconded.

- The day of the event we paid \$337.00 from the Presidents discretionary fund. A motion was made to

VII. Vice Presidents Reports

- **Finance/Fund Raising** ~ Danielle Minnerick
 - ~ Kicks Chicken Night is Tuesday Nov. 11 (school is out that day)
 - ~ Chipotle is in December
 - ~ Butter Braids: the order forms are due Monday. They will be delivered (frozen) in time for Thanksgiving.
 - ~ Box tops - \$2019.00 expected. The website offers raffles all the time. Keep an eye on it. 10,000 box tops = \$1000 for the school.
 - ~ Apparel – some items have not arrived yet. We are still open to looking for other vendors that do screen printing.
- **Administrative/Service** ~ Colleen Garrison
 - ~ Parent – teacher conferences are Nov 6 – 10. The PTA is providing dinner for the teachers each night.
 - ~ American Education Week is 11/17-11/21. Claudia Biespiel is catering lunch.
 - ~ Education Support Professional’s Day is November 19
 - ~ Special Needs coffee with Mrs. Frost is Nov. 20 @ 9:15 a.m.
 - ~ The Directory is being printed and will go out next week with the oldest student.
 - ~ We are still looking for a chair for the 5th grade celebration.
- **Enrichment/Social** ~ Liz Lawrence
 - ~ Used Book Drive is ending tomorrow – the books are going to a school in Aurora.
 - ~ Two more caroling events will be scheduled
 - ~ New toy collection for the Gift mart is in November.
 - ~ Jen Cole’s Daisy Troop is organizing a trip to Feed My Starving Children in January 2015.

VIII. Old Business~ None

IX. New Business/ Open Discussion

~ Coins for Kim and Kevin is a collection for Kim Griffin in the office. Dollar bills are welcome too.

No meeting in December. The next meeting is January 15, 2015. See you next year.