

SMPTO Meeting Minutes  
February 2, 2012

I. **Call to Order/Welcome**

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 a.m. The board and Mr. Boley were present. Mrs. Adams was absent. Mr. Scharleau and Mrs. Trostle were present at the teacher representatives. In addition, 10 parents were present.

II. **Principal Reports**

Mr. Boley reported on the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school celebration during the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of Rice. Mr. Boley explained that each classroom and additional teachers/staff wrote letters to a school in all 50 states. A celebration will also be held on the 150<sup>th</sup> day of school.

III. **Treasurer's Report**

SMPTO currently has a balance of \$35,150.27. Money came in through spirit gear-miscellaneous purchases and during the Pre-K event, Gertrude Hawk, Groovy Movie and Breakfast with Santa. In addition, money also went out for some of those events. SMPTO approved teacher grants for Mrs. Brenner (6 air cushions for kids w/ADHD), Mrs. Williams (Wii and 2 games), Mrs. Spears (Mountain Math/Language program), Mrs. Trostle (Super Teachers Worksheets-shared by 4<sup>th</sup> grade) and Mrs. Reaser (Enchanted Learning ESL). In addition, Susan Ritter put a notice on our FB page regarding the collection for a washer/dryer for a family. Discussion about teacher wishlists, deposit for May Fair.

IV. **Chair Committee Reports**

- A. Gertrude Hawk-the spring fundraiser will begin Feb 10<sup>th</sup> and end March 6<sup>th</sup>. Candy counting day will be held March 8<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 10 people are needed for candy counting day to be held from 9 to 1 p.m. at Rice. Room 107A will be reserved. The money from this fundraiser will help to pay for the Artist in Residence Program , to lower the cost of yearbooks in both schools and to give each library \$500.
- B. Spirit Gear-Jess Hughes reported that we continue to sell spirit gear through orders sent into the school or through the website. Jess noted we are selling tons of water bottles.
- C. Box Tops-the 4<sup>th</sup> contest is underway. The winning class from Rice receives a movie and the winning class from IFEC receives a trip to the high school rock climbing wall. Meryl is going to contact the Sentinel. Rice and IFEC combined rank in the top 50 nationally, top 10 statewide and are #1 in the area in the collection of box tops.
- D. Groovy Movies-the last event had 120 students attend and raised \$363 of which \$264 was used to pay the balance of our licensing fee. The remaining \$90 was donated to Hope for Heaven.
- E. IFEC Book Fair-discussion of coordinating a Groovy Movie with this event to help draw in parents. SMPTO is going to donate 5 door prizes (Spirit Gear) for the next Groovy Movie. The February Groovy Movie is scheduled for Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>.
- F. May Fair-discussion was had about drawing in donations from businesses owned by Bubbler families. Discussion of accepting credit card payments during the silent auction.

V. Open Floor

-In an effort to increase communication, SMPTO is trying to get more followers on Facebook and is offering a Target gift card if we reach 200 "likes" We had 79 and jumped to 139.

-Mrs. Lay, Rice Art teacher is hosting a family Art Night on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. SMPTO has been asked to help assist during this event. Exact details and times are not available.

-An announcement that South Middleton School District is in need of RN's.

-SMPTO received a thank you card from 1<sup>st</sup> grade-Mrs. Geiger's Tigers for the games SMPTO provided during indoor recess.

-In May, the middle school will host a day of caring. Mrs. Trostle will get more details but she thinks it will be held May 11<sup>th</sup> but will double check with Mrs. Adams. Mrs. Trostle noted the students will help do some gardening at both schools.

-SMPTO has drafted/finalized/rewrote its bylaws. The election will be held for the Vice-Presidents and President at next month's election. In addition, the by-laws were approved.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.