

## **SMPTO Monthly Meeting**

**March 14, 2013**

**Iron Forge Educational Center Library**

**Meeting started at approximately 7:00 p.m.**

**and ended at approximately 8:05 p.m.**

### **I. Call to Order/Welcome**

The board, Dr. Withum, Asst. Superintendent and five parents were present. Absent were both school principals, the Rice and IFEC teacher representatives and the representative from the School Board.

Dr. Withum explained that Principal Adams was absent due to successfully defending her doctoral thesis. Mr. Boley was absent due to personal matters. Dr. Withum explained that South Middleton School District recently signed an articulation agreement with Harrisburg Area Community College (HACC). This agreement would allow for entering high school freshman to graduate with both a high school diploma and an Associate Degree in General Studies from HACC. The general studies degree would equate to two years of transferable general education credits to any of the 14 state-owned universities. Parents/students would be responsible for paying for the HACC college credits. Dr. Withum would ultimately like to see the Boiling Springs Foundation possibly offer scholarships to students participating in this program. Specifically, Dr. Withum envisioned the possibility of parents/students paying for the classes in advance and being reimbursed half of the tuition if the student earns a B or better. Details are still being worked out.

### **II. Principal Reports/School Board Representative**

**Mr. Boley, Principal, Rice Elementary & Mrs. Adams, Principal, IFEC**

No reports this month.

**III. Open Floor**

**IV. Treasurer's Report**

Jen reported SMPTO has a checking account balance of \$34,016 and a savings account balance of \$15,002.58. Monies collected during the month of February included \$140 from Amazon sales, spirit gear sales at the book fair and online and reimbursement from Groovy Movies. Expenses included teacher appreciation snacks, sponsoring a summer reading program at Amelia Given (specifically the end of summer reading program) and a memorial donation made in Vincent Capozzi's name.

**V. Correspondence**

No correspondence this month.

**VI. SMPTO Board Elections**

The official slate of candidates for Secretary, Treasurer and Vice-President of IFEC were announced. Coralita Wilson, current VP, IFEC is stepping down after several years. Kerrie Truax is stepping down from the position for Secretary. Jennifer Metz was announced as the new candidate for Secretary. Jennifer Varner, current Treasurer, again was announced as the candidate for Treasurer and Kerrie Truax was announced as the candidate for IFEC. According to SMPTO by-laws, these are two-year positions that will begin with the 2013/2014 school year.

**VII. Chair/Committee Reports**

- a. Box Tops: In Meryl's absence, Elizabeth noted that the Box Tops Around The World contest had ended and four gift certificates were given to two Rice and IFEC students. The furthest distances were two entries from Hawaii, one from Australia and one from Japan. The current box top contest involves the winning IFEC class have a chance to use the high school climbing wall and a popcorn classroom party at Rice.

- b. Spirit Gear: Jess noted a little bit was sold during the IFEC book fair. Spirit Gear will be sold during May Fair and through Internet sales found on our webpage.
- c. IFEC Book Fair: Was a huge success. In four days, IFEC sold \$4,500. SMPTO is taking the Scholastic Dollar option that will help earn more money for our schools.
- d. Teacher Appreciation: On March 19<sup>th</sup>, there will be a meal provided to the teachers at Rice and snacks provided to those at IFEC.
- e. Groovy Movie: The last Groovy Movie of the year is scheduled for April 12, 2013. Popcorn supplies are good and parents can sign-up to volunteer through the timetosignup link on our webpage.
- f. May Fair: Volunteers can sign-up through our webpage. We need lots of help to pull May Fair off successfully. The clowns, balloon guy and DJ are already taken care of. Stephanie Kuhn is handling the talent show again this year. The animals and the French fry truck are booked. Need confirmation from Crazy Maisy if they will be selling ice cream at May Fair. The Cub Scouts are booked to have their pinewood derby display. SMPTO is going ahead with the Great Wolf Lodge raffle. Based on suggestions, SMPTO is going to host a used DVD/video game sale instead of a book sale. A chair is needed for this position.

#### **VIII. Old Business**

The Southside Deli is offering a percentage of its sales on April 15<sup>th</sup> to go to SMPTO. Southside Deli has a Facebook page and their menu can be viewed online. They encourage calling ahead to place orders. On April 15<sup>th</sup> there will have extended hours from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

#### **IX. New Business**

Tara Trostle and Mrs. Spears are working a possible reading night to be held at the end of May.

Dr. Withum noted the school board has approved a new district calendar for next year that will include consolidating the many half-days

that the district has typically had on the calendar. The 2013/2014 school year will include a full week off at Christmas and Easter, no half-days, one more instructional day and a grouping of the days together to allow for less half days.

**X. Open Floor**

**XI. Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:10 p.m.

The next SMPTO meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, April 11, 2013**, in the IFEC Library. Babysitting provided by Interact Club.

Meeting Minutes pending approval April 11, 2013

Kerrie Truax

Secretary, SMPTO