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Peoples Elementary PTO Monthly Meeting

Thursday, November 17, 2016 – 9:30AM

In Attendance: Rhonda Mangin (Vice President), Roxana Porupca (Treasurer), Julianne Moore (Recording Secretary), Buffy Blodgett (Principal), Wanda Godwin (School Secretary), Monica Thomas (Teacher Representative), Natalie Kaiser, April Stallings, Belise Burns, Lina Martin, Ginger Johnston, Diana Schmidt, Lisa Arnold, Meghan Simmons

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Rhonda Mangin at 9:35AM. Quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes: Copies of the October 20, 2016 minutes were distributed. Attendees were provided time to review. Motion to approve October minutes by Wanda Godwin, 2nd motion by Ginger Johnston. All were in favor.

Officers Reports:

Treasurer- Roxana reported that October was an busy month for PTO money. The total amount of deposits was \$18,277.15. Over \$4,000 for Direct Drive, over \$10,000 for the fun run, over \$1,000 from Kroger. Roxana shared hard copies of the treasurer's report with detailed monthly updates for each line item of the PTO budget. The total net for August, September and October is \$44,010.07!

Roxana shared that a grant application has been completed for Caring Realtors for Peoples PTO. Roxana, Julianne, Mrs. Blodgett & Ashley submitted the application prior to the December 1st deadline. Announcements for recipients will be early May 2017.

President – Rhonda provided the report on behalf of Ashley. In her absence, Ashley asked to share thank yous to:

- All the parent volunteers who are helping serve our Thanksgiving lunch today for K and 2nd graders
- Andy Lynch for repairing the swing on the playground
- Direct Drive committee for an incredible job this year!
- Pumpkin Fun Run committee for an outstanding event! We continue to receive sponsorships funds for this event!
- Front office staff who put up with all the PTO asks of them on a daily basis
- Roxana Porupca and Julianne Moore for completing the Caring Realtors of Fayette Grant

In addition, there was discussion about trying to find someone to volunteer to research new playground equipment that could be added to our existing playground to further enhance what we have. The county was supposed to give new slides (to replace our current ones). Instead, they only have small cover for playground. No slides were given. The benches need to be replaced and an upgrade is on our Principal's wish list. We need someone willing to volunteer and form a small committee. Please contact Ashley if you are willing to volunteer.

Our December meeting will be held in conjunction with the Chorus Concert. Ashley will make a brief statement on where we are financially and thanking volunteers. She will need each committee chair to send an email no later than Monday, December 5th with a list of volunteers that deserve a thank you. Roxana suggested we invite all sponsors to this meeting and recognize them with a certificate. If they are unable to attend, we would mail their certificate with a hand written note.

Vice President – Rhonda

Recording Secretary – Julianne asked that everyone be sure to sign in to record all in attendance.

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Corresponding Secretary – Rhonda reported that the website is doing good. Please be sure to forward any information that the teachers/staff would like shared so it can be posted on the website & Facebook.

Committee Reports:

Spirit Wear –

Pumpkin Fun Run – Attendees discussed again that the Friday night event was fantastic! One thing discussed was that next year's organizer should ensure all 5K participants should get pumpkin metal as all the fun run participants.

Cultural Arts Week/International Festival – Lina recently had a committee meeting. Scheduling is going well with acts already booked. The International Festival will get an entire day this year but has to be moved to Thursday, May 18th as one of the CAW acts could only do Friday, May 19th. Lina asked everyone to help share the word that they are looking for more presenters to participate in the International Festival. She will need at least 30 presenters that are familiar with customs/cultures of different countries.

Art Room – Natalie reported everything is going good!

Direct Drive – Natalie reported the initial drive is over with them meeting their goal. The board has suggested they do a 2nd campaign after the New Year since there are a large number of Peoples families that have not contributed. The group discussed the pros and cons of doing a 2nd campaign and decided it would be best not to.

Kindness Week – Rhonda shared that the Monday of Kindness week has an assembly scheduled with Magic Debbie (www.magicdebbie.com). She will perform twice that morning to K-2 and 3-5 students.

40-12" grey paver stones have been donated by Pavestone in Tyrone. Vanessa will pick these up and have them delivered to the school as soon as she can. She is working on getting paint supplies to the teachers ASAP so they can start their stone project with the students. The kindness committee will be happy to assist any teacher/class that needs it. The idea is that the students will paint the paver with what kindness means to them (similar concept to what was done last year with the canvases). The pavers will then be placed on campus creating a "path of kindness".

Vanessa will have posters printed for each classroom to be placed around common areas in the school. These will outline a list of suggested "acts of kindness" for the students to earn "seeds of kindness". Teachers should refer to the list when trying to inspire the students to be kind. There will be a contest amongst the grade levels for the class with the most acts.

Kindness week is starting to get sponsorship! So far GNC Newnan, MOBA Soccer & Critter Sitters have committed to donating \$250/each. MOBA soccer will be sending 2 athletes to speak to the kids, and play ball with them one day during the week. PTC Combat Fitness is also willing to come and speak to the students and do a demonstration during PE. T-shirts will be ordered and given to all students, staff & teachers to be worn on the Friday of kindness week (see attached picture of shirt graphic). The theme this year is KINDNESS ROCKS so we are asking that on the Wednesday of kindness week that all teachers, staff and students dress like rock stars. The committee would like to put together a video to highlight what we are accomplishing with Kindness week. We are asking any teachers, parents, etc. to use their phones and ask students "what does kindness mean to you" and "what do you think of kindness week" to get some testimonies from the students.

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PE – April reported all is going well with very dedicated volunteers.

Box Tops – The next due date is December 15th for box tops!

Hospitality –

Launch Pad –

SCRIP- We still need more participation!

Playground –

Media Center – Ginger announced she needs 1 new volunteer as one person that has been active in the media center has gotten a job.

Square One Art – Everything that was ordered has been delivered.

Spirit Events- The group discussed getting another Partners Pizza event scheduled. Many families have shared that they liked having all day events instead of dinner only hours. Roxana mentioned she is still getting Chick-fil-A checks for past events; however she is still missing the September event income. She will be following up with her Chick-fil-A contact.

Room Parents – Lisa announced she would be sending out emails to help room parents get prepared for class holiday parties.

Principal Report:

Mrs. Blodgett gave thank yous to

- Parent volunteers working lunch duty to give the Parapros the day off
- Jenny Hammond for making the Veteran Day pins for all our Veterans
- Parent volunteers working the feast today
- Thank you to Sarah Hammond for sewing the curtains in the Flexible Learning Center
- Thank you to Ashley Lynch & Adriana Marshburn for helping with the school mock election

Upcoming Events

- Nov 21-25 Thanksgiving Holidays
- Dec 1st Winter holiday lunch (3rd & 5th grades)
- Dec 5th County Recitation contest for Kindergarten and 5th grade
- Dec 6th County Recitation contest for 1st and 4th grade; Chick-fil-A night (3rd -5th)
- Dec 7th County Recitation contest for 2nd grade and 3rd grade
- Dec 8th PTO Chorus/Chimes concert at 6PM

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School/Staff Updates

- Forms will be sent home today or tomorrow for students to fill out their tshirt sizes for Kindess Week
- New custodian, Sandra Hood, transferred from Flat Rock
- Monica Thomas and Torie Saxon won the Bright Ideas Grant from EMC
- Troylynn Hodges received her doctorate in education

Needs

- Volunteers to help with the Holiday Lunch on December 1st between 11-1PM (parents from grades K, 1st, 2nd and 4th)

Old Business:

Rhonda shared via Ashley's note that the new backdrop has been installed on the stage in the cafeteria. Please take a moment on your way out to take a peek.

Please continue to view the PTO website and Facebook page and provide feedback.

New Business:

We need to increase the budget under the CARE Funds line item. Ginger made motion to increase this by \$500. Mrs. Blodgett seconded. All were in favor.

Holiday lunch volunteer servers are needed for the Dec 1st event for 3rd and 5th graders. Ashley will be sending out a sign-up Genius for volunteers. Please note, free lunch is included!

Adjourn:

Rhonda Mangin made a motion to adjourn, Mrs. Blodgett seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 AM.