

PTO Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2013
STME Media Center

Meeting called to order by Kelly Ojeda at 6:30. Those attending Sheila Bicher, Kelly Ojeda, Patty Hastings, Elizabeth Leimer, Vicky Hedican-Sime, Sonja Buckmeier, Mel Brutger, Crye Beaumont, Beth Martinson and Hollee Saville.

Principals Report: No school this Friday and next Monday. Reach for the stars projects due next week, Tues and Wed regular admissions due. On Thurs and Friday culinary projects are due. Performing arts due as scheduled. There are 268 students participating. 2nd grade concert is on January 28th at MSW. Look for the students Art Fair in the hallways through the end of February. Each child has a least 2 pieces displayed. Chinese classes start this week. This is the end of the 3 year program which has been funded by a grant. Each classroom has Chinese class once every sixth day in the school week rotation. Book Fair is February 5-12, conferences February 7 and 12. Rise and read is February 22nd.

Treasurer's Report: Balance \$23,899.13 Supporting funds to Readers of the month, kids reading appreciation for the 4th grade. Box tops earned \$2500.00 prior to contest. Poinsettias fundraiser profited \$417.00. The fall book fair earned STME \$2500.00. Bank balance includes \$10,000 earmarked for the rock climber.

Old business: Mel Brutger update on Box Tops. The first Box Tops contest was very successful \$ 1326.60 profit. Classroom popcorn parties were a fun way to reward for students. More parent volunteers will be recruited to help with the spring popcorn parties. March 4th-24th will be the next Box Top contest. Reminder to classrooms to keep bringing in box tops. Land o lakes and Kwik Trip coupons are still being collected; Kemps has ended their milk cap program. For information on all our label collections, please see the school webpage under PTO tab labeled "Little Things That Add Up". Link: http://se.stma.k12.mn.us/PTO/little_things_that_add_up.php
Rock Climber goal has been achieved. Sheila will meet with grounds people and company Flagship Recreation Company for installation this summer. Open discussion of the rock climber.

New Business: Yearbook update: The 2013 yearbook is in progress, Zahler will be publishing the book again this year. Price per book will be \$ 15.00. Yearbook committee is looking into an online payment option. Book orders will be distributed the beginning of February.

Presidents Report: Upcoming PTO meetings basic agenda is as follows: February will be seeking candidates for board positions for 2013-2014. March start taking budget requests. This is open to teacher and parent input. Election of board members. April will be budget requests discussion and voting. May further budget discussion if necessary and formalize the budget. Book Bingo this year April 12th evening event. Sheila will be the bingo caller. Volunteer opportunities sheet to go out to the parents for the rest of the year.

Natural Playscapes: Hollee Saville presentation.

Open Discussion, meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Meeting minutes compiled by Vicky Hedican-Sime STME PTO Secretary