

Fairbury PTA Minutes November 21, 2016

The Fairbury PTA met on November 21, 2016 at Central Elementary School at 7pm. President (Co-Chair Year 2), Christy Lucking called the meeting to order. The September 19, 2016 minutes were approved as distributed. Treasurer's report was approved as distributed.

News from Principals

Central – Report from Mrs. Smith –Central hosted a successful grandparents' day for K-2. PTA sponsored author Julia Cook was in, and kids enjoyed hearing from her. Mrs. Smith thanked the PTA for sponsoring the author. Step ahead preschool hosted a family night with activities, a meal and a dance party. Planning for the 2nd quarter family night will happen tomorrow, November 22nd. All K-2 students have enjoyed a field trip with the 2nd graders just attending theirs last Thursday to the Hastings Museum. Tuesday, Nov 29th Mrs. Smith will be getting 28 pies thrown towards her from students who did an outstanding job on the recent fundraiser.

Jefferson – Report from Mr. Christiansen – Mr. Christiansen will be getting 30 pies thrown towards him from students who reached a specific sales goal on the recent fundraiser. Jefferson students have been busy with many clubs. Quiz Bowl club meets on Tuesdays each week. They are doing well and recently competed at a meet at Thayer Central. The school is now a member of a new conference which offers a secondary level for Quiz Bowl. Fairbury will be hosting the first ever elementary quiz bowl at Jefferson with at least 10 schools expecting to participate. Spelling bee, reading classic teams are being formed. 6th grade Student Council recently participated in a leadership conference at Doane. One service project the Student Council is doing is a random identification of families and providing vouchers for meals. They continue to look for service opportunities. Jefferson had 21 veterans join the students for lunch on Veterans' Day. Annual soup it up for kids will be Sat, Dec 10th. This is the only major fundraiser for the community food program for the monthly food market. No income guidelines, anyone with kids enrolled in Fairbury public school system can participate. The 3rd grade classes completed the annual FBLA project with students from the high school aimed to teach the 3rd graders about entrepreneurship. They baked cookies and sold them to high school students. They are now looking at different ways to spend their net profits. One idea they had was working with the Bonham who is looking for groups to sponsor the new seats for the theater.

This discussion led to an idea to have both Central and Jefferson grades/classrooms participate in a challenge to raise funds to sponsor a seat at \$250 per seat. It was suggested that the PTA could match the funds raised up to \$50 per grade level towards the \$250 per seat goal. A motion was made and seconded to match up to \$50 per grade level K-6 (maximum contribution of \$350) towards the sponsorship of a seat. Motioned carried upon vote.

Committee Reports

Scholastic Book fair report – Report from Megan Rosener stated the book fair was a success this year. Jefferson sold a record breaking dollar amount of books. With the PTA purchasing an additional \$130.52 of books to be used for the summer reading program the net profit the PTA earned was \$1,430.50. Megan Rosener will be resigning as the chairman for the book fair so the PTA is looking for an individual who is willing to chair the book fair next year.

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PT Conference meals - sub sandwiches from Wal-Mart were provided to the teachers. The PTA is looking for someone who can coordinate the meals for the Spring PT Conferences. Please let an officer know if you are interested.

Magazine/Cookie Dough Sales – Amy Nippert reported the fundraiser was a big success. Total gross sales were \$21,878.35. This exceeded the budgeted sales. 58 students will have an opportunity to throw a cream pie at their principals. The cookie dough/Cinnabon will be in on Weds, Dec 7th. Parents will need to pick up their orders at the Armory on that day. A reminder note will be going home. With the reach out booklets that were sent out there is the potential for more sales to be coming in.

Holiday Movie, Grade 3-6 – Alysia Diller – movie, popcorn and water will be at Jefferson on Dec 22nd. Alysia is looking for suggestions on what movie to show. She is in need of volunteers. 2 people are needed to pop popcorn the night before and 2 people at each entrance to hand out the popcorn and water. Then 2-3 people to help clean up afterwards. Please let her know if you can volunteer or if you have a movie suggestion (Needs to be rated no higher than PG).

Holiday Activity – Central grades K-2 – Andrea Hynek - Polar express is the theme for this year's activities and will be held on Dec 22nd. The students and teachers will be encouraged to wear their pajamas and bring a stuffed animal to hang out with as they watch the movie. Andrea sent an email looking for volunteers. Volunteers are needed at Central on Tues, Dec 20th at 6pm to help organize and decorate and then again on Weds, Dec 21st at 8:30 to put decorations up, the train and track. Parents are also encouraged to come anytime on Thurs, the 22nd from 8:15am – 1:00pm to assist with crafts, snacks, etc. Mr. Grizzle has volunteered to be the conductor.

Unfinished Business

PTA Bylaws – Recent changes made to the PTA's by-laws changed the title of our officers from president, and vice-president to co-chairs year one and year two. The State organization notified us we could not do this so we will need to change the titles back to President and Vice-President. Motion was made and seconded to approve the by-laws as emailed. Motion carried by call of vote.

New Business

Angie Judd was present to propose a campaign for raising funds for a new LED marquee sign and was looking for support from the PTA to get the ball rolling by making a donation/pledge. The funds raised would go through the Fairbury Foundation to ensure donations would be under a 501(c)(3). A 4 x 8 sign with three lines and three colors would cost \$17,000 with shipping. A monochromatic 4 x 8 sign would cost \$14,850. Central, Jefferson and High School info would all be displayed on the sign. Placement options are still being discussed. A motion was made and seconded for the PTA to make a donation of \$5,000 for the sign project. Motion carried by vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.
Respectfully submitted,

Christy Haddan, Secretary