Seven Oaks Elementary PTA

General Membership Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 3, 2013 – 4:00 p.m.

Seven Oaks Library

**Welcome and Call To Order\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm. In attendance: Christine Avey, Leslie Anderson, Jamie Wilde, Sabrina Ford, Lil Folkner, Rick Harper, Dyan Kastner, Suzanne Stampke, and Heather Stinemates.

**Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Review of October’s General Membership Minutes by Jamie Wilde. Leslie Anderson motioned to approve the minutes, Rick Harper seconded the motion, and motion was passed.

**Principal’s Report\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

There was such a nice response to the Family Engineering Night, that Lil Folkner has written a grant requesting funds to purchase the Science and Engineering Kit that was used that night. This kit could be used many times in the future.

Suzanne Stampke has also had good fortune in receiving two grants for her classroom, which provided 6 ipads and $5,000 worth of software which should give her three years worth of licensed software use.

A huge thank you to our HP parents who bought us 8 HP tablets! These will be available for all teachers to reserve and use for their classes when needed. Some help could be used in getting these tablets up and running.

**Officer’s Report\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**President’s Report – Christine Avey:**

Marcia Lundgren attended the Advocacy Day, which was November 14th, and will also be attending the next meeting in February as well. It will be good to hear her report from the meeting

Harvest Auction final amount raised was $19,630.97.

See’s Candy fundraiser underway. Orders due December 9th, with delivery the Wednesday prior to track break.

Walkathon date has been set for May 30th and planning will beginn to take place in new year.

**1st VP Report – Leslie Anderson:**

Over 110 people attended our first Family Engineering Night on November 7th. This was a great night. Thanks to all the engineer volunteers who lead the groups.

Science & Engineering Club is scheduled for the third Thursday of December (to be confirmed with Tanya Elmer).

Reflections submissions have been turned in and the winners were announced earlier this week at Monday morning meeting. All other submissions are being displayed in the school hallways for all to enjoy.

Assemblies: The Alley Cat group is coming Thursday December 19th and will be performing two assemblies (9:30 and 10:30). Parents are welcome to attend. They are an amazing group of a capella singers.

Spelling Bee has been scheduled for January 21st, at 6 pm. Christine will give Dyan Kastner a list of parents who have volunteered to help.

Bond Levy Committee Meeting: The district is growing and needs new schools. They are putting the $75 million bond on the March ballot for a vote. They feel that this will give them the best chance for passing the bond. How this effects us is in our middle school and high school. Both schools are at or above their capacity. There is a lot of growth in the south of the district.

**2nd VP Report –Christine Avey (Tiffany was absent):**

Bingo Night is on January 30th. This is a fun event, with a minor change this year with the Pie Hole providing pizza for purchase. This will allow families to come for dinner and stay for Bingo.

The next Staff Appreciation date is in January.

Scrip orders are out and due Monday December 9th.

Family Dine out night raised $225. This was our first event of this kind. We are looking to try another venue, one with a larger venue such as Red Robin, which often sends out the Red Robin bird to the schools. Texas Roadhouse may also be a possible option.

**Treasurer’s Report – Sabrina Ford:**

Our current bank balance is $32,032.

**Secretary Report – Jamie Wilde:**

Newsletter: Submission date is this coming Monday December 9th. The newsletter will go out Wednesday December 11th. Please email any information you would like included to jamiewilde@comcast.net.

Dan Vincent has agreed to chair the nominating committee.

**New Business \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.

Promethean Activboards are being offered thru our district at a discounted education rate with a match from the district. This would allow us to purchase three boards at a discounted rate of $1,266 each and will match it with three additional boards. These boards would also require extended power cords at $130 each. The Promethean board offered is their 595 pro which is their high-end board. Dyan Kastner motioned to purchase 3 boards, 3 extension cords plus sales tax up to $4,800 total. Rick Harper seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

PTA would also like to purchase a portable PA system that could be used by school. Purchasing a portable PA system would pay for itself by eliminating our PA rental fees for various events thru the year. Jamie motioned to purchase a portable PA system up to $1,500. Rick Harper seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

Brittany Garringer requested that the kindergartener and first grade playground receive some foot-stools to allow the kids to use the zip line part of the playground equipment. It is too high for them to reach, and they would love to use it. It was also reiterated that there are no regular funds for the library as there is no budget or grants available for our school library.

Playground equipment could use a revamped and Danny and Lil have looked over the catalogue of possible playground additions. Items have been selected for consideration. The Nampa company will come out and take an assessment of our playground and give us some viable options.

It was also suggested that we possibly consider doing teacher grants. This could offer teachers an amount each year that they could use to spend on what they like – with final approval thru the PTA. This would be a use it or lose it grant. This could be considered next year.

Another suggestion was for the PTA to provide labels that say “purchased by Seven Oaks PTA” to place on items purchased with PTA money. This way purchased items would be more likely to stay at the school when staffing changes occur. An excel spreadsheet of inventoried items could also be an option of keeping PTA funded items here at the school long-term.

**Announcements\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Scrip orders are due Dec 9th

See’s Candy orders are due Dec 9th

Alley Cat assembly December 19th (9:30 &10:30)

Science and Engineering Club Dec 19th (4-5 pm)??

January PTA meeting Jan 7th (6-7 pm)

**Door Prize!** $5 USwirl Gift Cards won by Rick Harper and Dyan Kastner.

**Adjournment \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Meeting was adjourned at 5:05 pm.