Seven Oaks Elementary PTA

General Membership Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 1, 2013 – 6:00 p.m.

Seven Oaks Library

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

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm. In attendance: Christine Avey, Leslie Anderson, Jamie Wilde, Sabrina Ford, Lil Folkner, Alicia Rosti, Keith Butler, Libby Butler, Marie Anne Langlet, Andrea Palmer, Steve Susten, Amanda Susten.

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

Review of Septembers General Membership Minutes by Jamie Wilde. Leslie Anderson motioned to approve the minutes, Alicia Rosti seconded the motion, and motion was passed.

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

Parent Teacher Conferences will be going on next week. Wednesday October 9th there is no school for half day kindergarten, and on October 10th and 11th, no school for K-5 grades. All teachers will be at school from 4-8 Wednesday night, which is time traded for Friday’s hours off.

The new Art Mom shared drive has been a huge success for both parents and teachers. Thanks to Christine Allred for getting this all done.

We have our own year-long food drive for the Eagle Food Bank. They are in need of canned food all year. This food drive was kicked off by reading The Giving Tree book and students are encouraged to donate one can of food a month.

Oct. 31st is Fall Harvest Day. Lil will meet with staff and get their feedback on possibly celebrating Halloween this year, including option for students dressing up at school.

First set of assessments and tests have been completed. Students have taken the MAP, IRI and Core Sonic Survey (14 questions that should be mastered by 3rd grade). Testing is a big part of teaching. It gives teachers an idea of what students do and do not know and what they need to focus on. Reports on how students did should be available during Parent Teacher Conferences next week.

Julie Strand of the Cabin Writing program has already met with the 4th and 5th grade teachers and should begin this program before Christmas. This has been moved to an earlier part of the school year so as not to interfere with the new core testing that will take place this spring.

Red Ribbon Week is no longer a funded program by the government and so you may notice this not being as major a part of school programs as it has been in past.

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

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

PTA membership drive is over. You can still sign up anytime – but the push for membership is over.

 Harvest Festival is coming up. We have a great venue, here in Eagle, and some amazing donated items. We will try get the auction booklet out 5 to 7 days prior to give people a chance to plan and discuss larger ticket items before the night of the event. Our PTA Facebook page has been giving out teasers of auction items to get people excited. Around 120 people have responded so far that they are attending. We would like to see closer to 150.

Advocacy Day is in November during our track break. Maria Lundgren has offered to attend and report.

Walkathon date has been set for May 30th.

**1st VP Report – Leslie Anderson:**

Art from the Heart: Christine Allred has revamped the art program and made it very easy to use. We would like any and all feedback.

Science & Engineering Club is held the third Thursday of every month, except November. This month it will be held on Thursday October 17th from 4-5 pm for all grades. This month Dr. Picklestein and Lady Argentum are going to come and do a pre-Halloween chemistry show with hands on experiments.  No club in November, but there is a Family Engineering Night on November 7th from 6-8 pm. Parent Volunteers for this event will need a little training. This will be in the Gymnasium.

Reflections is a national PTA art program/contest that encompasses many types of art. Art done for this program needs to be done by the student. Andrea Palmer reported that there are six areas of entry and students can enter as many times as they want. There are specific rules for each medium and these rules and entry forms can be found on the bulletin board near the copy room. Local artists will blind judge the entries. First, second and third place will move on to regional and then state level and then national level. Last year two Seven Oaks students moved on to the state level, and one onto the national level. Submissions are due Oct. 30th. The theme this year is “Believe, Dream, Inspire.” The trick is getting the parents to know about it and encourage their kids to enter. Currently we have no entries.

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

The Ice Cream Social was featured in the Eagle Independent October issue, page two.

Spirit Wear: 114 pieces have been sold. We encourage students to wear school colors, walkathon t-shirts, or spirit wear on assembly days.

Box Tops: Contest is underway and there is still time to participate. We currently have around 5,000 box tops turned in.

Spirit Days: There are three spirit Fridays in October associated with the anti-drug and bullying month. October 4th: Career Day, October 18th: Book Day, October 25th: Education Day

Staff Appreciation Luncheon will be on October 24th and will be hosted by the Kindergarten and 1st grade parents. This luncheon is for ALL of the staff not just teachers.

Scrip is a gift card program where you purchase gift cards for almost any merchant and our school gets a percentage of the total valued purchased. During parent teacher conferences, there will be a table set up where parents can purchase cards there or place an order. Order due date is October 21st with delivery by the end of October.

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

Tax returns are done and filed.

$17,000 is in the bank account. This number is a little inflated due to the harvest festival tickets, and no costs have been incurred for that event yet.

**Secretary Report – Jamie Wilde:**

Newsletter: Submission date is this coming Monday October 7th. The newsletter will go out Wednesday October 9th. Please email any information you would like included to jamiewilde@comcast.net.

Still looking for a Nominating Committee Chairperson.

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

See’s candy fundraiser: We have a parent volunteer willing to chair this event. Discussion on dates of requests, delivery and allotted time allowed was made. It was suggested that a teaser/announcement of the fundraiser could be made before track break with a PDF version of the order form. Then the general fundraising packet could go out the first day back to school in December with the due date one week later. This will hopefully still give enough time for delivery of product before the Holiday break.

Family Dine-Out night is scheduled for Thursday Oct. 24th at Smoky Mountain Pizza. Ten percent of all sales who mention Seven Oaks will be donated to the school. This is only available at the Eagle Smoky Mountain location. The program is available all day and includes dine-in, carry-out, and delivery. If this goes well, there could be other family dine-out nights throughout the school year.

Another parent volunteer has offered to do a Mixed Bag fundraiser in the spring. We try not to do more than three fundraisers in a school year, and if this goes well, the walkathon could be just a community event.

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

Science & Engineering Club: Thursday Oct. 17th all grades, 4-5 pm in the gym.

Reflection submissions are due October 30th.

Family Engineering Night: November 7th from 6-8 pm.

The YMCA has a new director Jenni and they have agreed to provide childcare during both afternoon and evening PTA meetings.

**Door Prize!** Chocolate Bars and Red Robin Gift Cards won by Mandy Susten and Andrea Palmer.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.