

Saint Charles Parent Teacher Organization
Monday, April 22, 2013, 6:30pm
PTO Meeting Minutes

1. Guest Speaker Jeremy Hildman – STAND (Students Taking A New Direction)

Jeremy talked about the group, the things they have done and what they would like to continue to do. The Whitewater Country Coalition is in the midst of a 5 year grant that encompasses St. Charles and Dover-Eyota School Districts. There are youth group meetings on Wednesdays after school for students at the high school. The group is focused on positive messaging and attempting to change the culture in a good way. One future activity that is in the planning stage is a hoedown. Jeremy also invited any parents who would like to attend their meetings to feel free to contact him for information on time and place. His email is jhildman@schs.k12.mn.us.

2. Business

- Election Results – Deb Bahr moves into the President position, Beth Cage was elected to the Vice President position, Laura Frey remains at the Treasurer position and Heather Sullivan was elected to the Secretary position. Diane Welch moves to the Past President position.
- Taxes – Determined that we did not need to file this year.
- Non-Profit - The attorney will be filing the documents with the IRS.
- May Teacher Appreciation Budget Approval – Shelly Daood will chair the Staff Appreciation Week (1st week of May). A \$50 budget was approved to cover costs.
- Artist In Residence – Left Over Paintings will be put to good use – some ideas included giving one to city hall to hang, or the public library or somewhere else in the school.
- Elementary Buy 1 Get One Book Fair – May 13 & 14. Mrs. Cabaya was present with a request for helpers to assist her in running the Book Fair. Some discussion about how many Book Fairs to have per year also followed.
- Grandparents Day is May 3 at the Elementary School. PTO will have a table set up by the office with info and pictures for grandparents to browse as they have some free time that day. Mr. Roubinek offered a table cover for the event.

3. Recap

- Spring Teacher Conferences – Childcare was not offered due to a volunteer coordinator. There were a few parents who asked about it and were disappointed that there wasn't any.
 1. Teacher Appreciation was well received. Teachers appreciated the trays of food. Thanks to Shelly for coordinating the effort.
 2. PTO Table
 1. Ticket Sales – there were some tickets sold in advance for the carnival.
 2. Artist In Residence Sales – sold a few paintings.
- Carnival – was a huge success. Thanks to all the many people who helped to plan, implement and attend. The silent auction was a good money-maker. There was positive feedback from teachers about creating the baskets. The net income from the carnival was \$4618.20. There was a request from Vicky Snyder with the Epilepsy Foundation to borrow a few items from the carnival: the fish pond curtain, the Plinko board and the Frisbee toss. These items were approved. One other suggestion was if we do the pie throwing again, to perhaps make two holes, so there can be two lines, and allow kids to stand closer.

4. Office Reports

- President – at the next meeting the current board members need to indicate their willingness to remain on the board.

- Vice President
- Secretary- Approval of March 19, 2013 meeting minutes. (Please view online)
- Treasurer-Approval of Bills/ Balance of Checking \$7,514.00
- Principal

5. Committee Reports – If there is anything further that we have not touched on above! (Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs please be prepared to report if there are any questions or concerns)

- Membership
- Activities
- Fundraising – re-did Bulletin Board by the cafeteria with pictures from the carnival.
- Publicity
- Non-Profit

6. Mr. Roubinek presented a request. As the school board is interviewing candidates to replace Mr. Petersen, he is looking for a couple community members to show the spouse and families around during the interview. If you are interested, please contact him.

7. Next PTO Meeting May 20, 2013 6:30 pm