

# Bear Creek PTO Meeting Minutes

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Wednesday, November 9, 2016

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:31pm by Tara Oltmans, Co-President.

**In Attendance:**

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| Jason Kingsborough | Amanda Hulse    | Tara Oltmans  | Michelle Rudy | Jill Hoffman |
| June Shepherd      | Kristen Johnson | Diana Reigner | Beth Williams | Cindy Wivell |
| Elizabeth Whitney  | Kristin Hummer  |               |               |              |

**Minutes from Previous Meeting:** Meeting minutes from September 21, 2016 were reviewed. Cindy Wivell made a motion to approve, June Shepherd seconded, all in favor.

**Treasurer's Report:** Updates: Spirit Wear and Rita's numbers have been added to the budget. Community service - \$720 has been donated so far for the holiday season. Reminder to Room Parents to spend their PTO money! No other updates or drastic changes. June Shepherd made a motion to approve the budget, Elizabeth Whitney 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor, budget approved.

**Principal/Teacher Report:** Jason Kingsboroh reminded the group to sign up for parent teacher conferences, deadline is 11/11. Progress reports will not be printed unless you contact the office. Conferences are scheduled for 11/21-11/23. This is the first time parents will not be given a printed copy of the progress report, reminders regarding new process will be sent.

2 weeks ago we had Red Ribbon Week, Communities that Care will be donating 250 red tulips bulbs for the landscaping out front.

**Standing Committee Report:**

- a. **Assemblies:** Reminder - 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be going to the Lancaster Science factory 12/7-9 – One team each day. Notice went home with 6<sup>th</sup> graders today reminding parents and asking for those who are cleared to sign up to chaperone.
- b. **Bear Creek Bash:** If you are interested in assisting with a station, please look for sign up information closer to bash dates. Volunteers will be considered as visitor and will not be required to have clearances.

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- c. **Book Fair:** Book fair sold \$11,724 made for scholastics based on our sales we earned \$6,083 scholastic dollars. Volunteers were amazing! Labels used for documented who donated the book will no longer be available. The PTO will be purchasing a self-inking stamp that states Compliments of Bear Creek PTO.
- d. **Box Tops for Education:** The first submission date for Box Tops was Nov 1st. Bear Creek submitted over 20,000 box tops. We had a balance from a late submission last spring to Box Tops of \$1413 - so our next check cut to us in December will be almost \$3500. (Box Tops sends a check twice a year - in December and April.)

The current contest is "Win a gift card to the Bear Creek Holiday Shoppe." 10 students from each grade who submit box tops this month will be randomly selected for a \$10 gift card to the shoppe.

December's contest was typically a ticket to Movie Night. But this year I thought of trying a "win a ticket to game night at Bear Creek" or "win a Bear Paw" which so many students seem to enjoy. Suggestions are appreciated!

The very popular Box Tops SuperBowl Party contest runs in January to coincide with the actual Superbowl. One TEAM from the entire school wins a Superbowl Party celebration.
- e. **Community Nights**

  - i. **Hoss's:** Tuesday November 8<sup>th</sup> is our next fundraiser at Hoss's. Great turn out!
  - ii. **Rita's: Update** - Brought in \$214 this year
- f. **Community Service:** Beth is working with Mrs. Miller on Holiday community service. Letters will be send home before Thanksgiving to those who are interested in providing assistance. 42 families have qualified so far to benefit. Each homeroom is assigned a food to provide during the week of Thanksgiving!
- g. **Fundraising**

  - i. **Spirit Wear:** No updates from Spirit Wear from my end. I'd still love anyone willing to help next year/take over from me. I normally start working on the next year's sale in April so we have forms ready by the end of the school year since the sale runs at the beginning of school.
- h. **Giant A+:** We are at 1022 signups so we beat our goal of 1000! The students earned extra recess (not sure if that happened yet?). A message will be sent out for our next goal of 1100 and if reached the principals will dye their hair. That will be tough to achieve, but we can try. So far we earned \$1845.32 from 10/7-10/31.

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- i. Holiday Shoppe:** June Shepherd and Liz Datorre have been shopping feverishly. Only a few odds and ends left to purchase prior to the Shoppe. Michelle and June will discuss the sign up process for volunteer assistance. Reminder to save cash for the teachers to purchase on Thursday.
- j. Movie Nights: 4<sup>th</sup> grade** - The kids enjoyed themselves and all of the volunteers did a great job! Approximately 125 students attended each movie night. Kids enjoyed themselves and all went well. 2 more movie nights will be held on March 14<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.
- k. Room Parents:** June informed the group that there are still some homerooms that do not have a specific room parent, a team approach will be used in these cases. June reminded the group that she will be leaving next year and there will need to be a replacement named.
  
- l. Staff Appreciation:** Lunch is in the works for November 21<sup>st</sup>. Focus for the week of Thanksgiving will be ***We are Thankful!***
- m. Website:** We continue to be THANKFUL for Ms. Shenk for her work on the website!
- n. Yearbook:** The committee has met and pictures are already being collected. We are thrilled to have extra support! Pictures can be sent to Tara Oltman or sign out a PTO flash drive available in the office. Request has been made for better communication regarding the ways to provide photos for the yearbook. If sending by phone email please select Full Size.
  
- 2. Continuing Business:** None at this time.
  
- 3. New Business:** None at this time.
  
- 4. Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm by June Sheppard, Kristen Johnson seconded and meeting was adjourned.