



ATTENDEES

Jeannie Houts, Kelly Barker, Dani Lotton Barker, Cindy McCoy, Jessica Beeson, Aline Hoey, Sally Kelsey, Sally Zogry, Mike Zogry, Brandy Erzen, Todd Shryock, Jackie Stafford, Sara Taliaferro, Scott Cinnamon, and Danyel Bell were in attendance.

PRINCIPAL CINNAMON'S REPORT

Mr. Cinnamon reported that the Meet and Greet/Watermelon Feed was great, attendance was good, and parents were engaged and seemed to enjoy the event. Jackie Stafford asked for a list of volunteers to thank, since she would like to include this in the newsletter.

Cordley faculty and staff met with representatives from Gould Evans to discuss needs of the school, get a sense of its atmosphere, observe traffic flow and building use during the day. They will be soliciting community input in the next month or so as part of the pre-bond work.

The goals are installed and the soccer nets are up!

TREASURERS REPORT (please see attachment)

Aline Hoey reviewed the treasurer's report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Aline Hoey noted that the PTA paid for the soccer nets and to delete the reference to Box Tops monies in the Treasurer's report from the August 21, 2012 minutes. Sally Zogry made a motion to approve the minutes with the change, and Jackie Stafford seconded. The minutes were approved.

Kelly would echo Principal Cinnamon's comments, since he also feels the Watermelon Feed went well.

OLD BUSINESS

As PTA President, Sharon Ashworth nominated Cordley PTA for an award. Cordley won the "Parent Group of the Year" for an Outstanding Effort to Overcome Adversity from the National PTA. We have received the \$500.00 award check.

NEW BUSINESS

SPIRIT WEAR: Jeannie has been exploring printing for Spirit Wear and would like to go with last year's printer since they are local and we do not have a coordinator for this effort. She proposed that t-shirts be \$15.00 each so we could order extra to distribute to



families in need along with our sales. Members present asked that the price be lower, and costs and alternative printers were discussed. Danyel Bell offered to help gather more bids.

CLASS PARTIES: The letter from Principal Cinnamon announcing the new class parties went out last Wednesday. Jeannie and Aline had heard negative comments from one parent prior to the letter going out, but the feedback received since then has been positive. The fall party will involve a food drive, January will feature a project with Water.org, and April events will have an Earth Day theme. Some or all of the proceeds from these events will be donated to local and national charities.

FALL FUNDRAISING AND FOOD DRIVE: Homeroom Parents will be invited to a meeting in a week or two to discuss the October events Flyers describing the Food Drive go out in the Wednesday folders. Volunteers will go to classrooms to discuss the events. Volunteers are needed to pass out order forms for the Equal Exchange Fundraiser, which will go out October 3 in Wednesday folders. The Fundraiser and Food Drive will be held from October 1 through 18. Jeremy Farmer of Just Food will be invited to speak at an assembly on October 18. The food drive is an opportunity for students to give service through classrooms and also potentially through Girl Scouts, Brownies, and even the Honor Society in High School.

The hope is to tie in other food-related issues and education with the food drive, and funding for doing this is available. Healthy Habits for Life through Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas Foundation is a grant program designed to help schools address a the major health issue of childhood obesity. The application is due October 15. Also, there might be funding through United Way as well.

PTA CLUBS: Dani Lotten-Barker reports that PTA Language and Nature Clubs will start soon. Nature Club will be taught by Prairie Park staff and will be 11 sessions. There is a 20-student limit. The cost will be \$44.00 per student. It was discussed whether it worked to still offer this on Tuesdays. Tutoring is not happening on Tuesdays, so rooms should be available. Language Club will feature Japanese this year and probably Russian. The Japanese instructor is lined up, and Dani Lotten-Barker is working with the Russian instructor to determine days that are possible. The group discussed whether or not to hold Language club on another night than Nature Club. Language Club is all year, whereas a different group enrolls for Nature Club each semester, with preference the second semester to students who did not get in the first semester. Holding the Language Club a different night would allow children to do both. Thursday night was suggested.



CORDLEY CARNIVAL: Sally Zogry, Cordley Carnival Coordinator, reported that activities for the Carnival are set, and she got prizes for the games. She needs volunteers for poster distribution at any appropriate public locations, downtown, in neighborhood stores, and so on. The posters designed by Molly Crook are fantastic. plastic yard signs and vinyl banners to strap to the fences are being made with Molly's design. The signs and banners are about \$200.00. These will have "Friday" and the time on them but no date, so they can be reused each year. We would like to welcome more community members. Carnival flyers will go home to families. The Carnival will be featured on Lawrence Kid's Calendar, the Cordley Facebook page, in the Lawrence Journal-World events, Wellcommons, and KLWN on Hank Booth's show. Perhaps it will be on Channel 6.

The food will be handled by Global Cafe as vendor, so the PTA does not need to manage food set-up and sales as we have in the past. Global Cafe might need a couple volunteers, and the rental of a bigger grill was discussed. The Sno-cone vendor is giving 20% of proceeds back to us. We will set up the popcorn machine, perhaps outside this year. Hy-Vee is donating granola bars, Dillons is donating water, and the PTA is buying apples.

The Wellness Expo advertising will be free to sponsors this year, and next year we could have them pay for their name and logo on t-shirts, posters, etc. The Merc, Lawrence Memorial Hospital Community Education, the Cordley Farm To School program, Cordley Marathon and Hy-Vee Marathon will all have tables and displays at the Expo. There will be an intern from Douglas County Dental Clinic on hand as well. There are eight vendors in all. The Merc has a drawing for a bike and cards that kids can get stamped. The question was raised whether or not voters could be registered at the event.

Games To You will be running all of their activities. Alee Philips has a large number of Beta Alpha Psi volunteers coming to help with setup and running games and such. Someone suggested making up a map of the layout to help with planning.

Envelopes to pre-order wristbands are going out in Wednesday folders. 35 families will get free wristbands to get in the carnival. Do we also provide food vouchers for them so they can get food? Mr. Cinnamon noted that this was about 49 students, so about \$150.00 worth of food vouchers. If we extended this to the whole family, giving four tickets per family, it would be \$420.00 that the PTA could pay. Should \$150.00 of the money come from the discretionary fund, then the rest from Carnival proceeds? After discussion, it was decided that food costs were already in the Carnival budget, and since we are working through a food vendor this year, the budget could cover it.



GARDEN AND GROUNDS WORK DAY: This will be held on September 16 from 1 to 4 PM, and the rain date is September 23 from 1 to 4 PM. Becky O'Keefe is bringing brownies, and the PTA is providing drinks and child care. It will be fun!

Newsletter items are needed by October 1 for inclusion in the October edition.

Jessica Beeson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Aline Hoey seconded.