

**ATTENDEES**

Sharon Ashworth, Aline Hoey, Kelly Barker, Shana Good, Jackie Stafford, Becky Reaver, Devin Heath, Cindy McCoy.

**PRINCIPALS REPORT**

Mr. Cinnamon was not able to attend the meeting, Becky Reever sat in his place. Kindergarten round up is April 26th and information has already been sent out. PTA representation is needed with contact information if someone would like to join. Information about the Kindergarten play date has not been publicized.

**DEVIN HEATH - WORLD FAIR**

Kids are focused on food rather than the projects. It can be a distraction and chaotic. Ideas to increase interest in the completed projects include:

- Remove food from fair? Majority of kids and parents like the food aspect.
- Food at lunch in separate part of Gym? This would require parent volunteers, and there may not offer enough time for children to go through lunch line and world fair food.
- Create a scavenger hunt? Each child come up with a question about his country and this question be placed on a list of questions for a scavenger hunt. That way kids are learning about each country. Once questions are answered they may proceed to the food table. (Limit scavenger hunt questions to 10-15)
- Create a passport book for the scavenger hunt, enough stamps go to food table. Concern about offering food as a reward.
- Food should be offered on the way out of the fair.
- Some kids may feel pressure to give stamps when not earned.
- Each child write something down that they learned about a country that they didn't know before. Number of items could be depended on age of child. (Example: kindergarten could draw pictures - maybe 3 things. 5th graders write down 10 things). May proceed to food table when completed.
- Children participating in the fair miss out on food and other projects in the past. Allow participants to start 20 minutes earlier than other kids.

Date is May 18th. Call for volunteers will be sent out. A request could also be sent home in the enrichment folders. Volunteers will be needed to man food table. 12:45-3:00. Contact Devin Heath: [dheath@usd497.org](mailto:dheath@usd497.org) to volunteer. There should be enough room to set up while 5th grade is eating lunch.

**TREASURERS REPORT (please see attachment)**

Marathon T-shirts were paid for and PTA will be reimbursed. \$61.00 was earned from the book fair. Perhaps there were some donations. Some late tuition from clubs was included. Chess club fund paid for members to go to state and members to get a free T-shirt.

5th grade field trip has a budget of \$800.00 but open to a little more since another field trip was on the teacher wish list.



**OLD BUSINESS**

**April 28th playground equipment fund-raiser:** 3 spoons yogurt noon-2:00. When purchasing yogurt say you are from Cordley. Need to advertise the fund-raiser is for “recess equipment.” Need to solicit ideas for equipment. Becky Reever will ask Scott Cinnamon to ask staff at the next staff meeting what kind of equipment is needed. The staff meeting will take place April 17th. Off hand a couple of ideas include new jump ropes, badminton and balls. Some balls could be saved as replacement equipment down the road.

Box top money will cover the costs of the soccer goals and basketball hoops. Still have not heard from Randy Masten or Joe Comparato in regards to purchasing.

**May 8th is reading night.** Call for volunteers to read after the librarian summer reading program. Volunteers pick their own book. Carmen will set up chairs. No food is offered at this years reading night to keep it simple. Becky Reaver and Kelly Barker volunteer.

**Cordley PTA nomination.** Still need people to read the nomination letter and offer suggestions/edit. Need artifacts (newsletters from Jackie) and testimonials.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Request for Milkweed.** Sharon Ashworth would like to buy milkweed at the Monarch watch. Remainder box top money could be used. Approximately \$50 would need to be used to purchase approx. 10 plants. Aline suggested using money from the teacher wish list debit card, but not sure the Monarch watch will be taking credit/debit cards. Motion carried to spend \$50 on milkweed.

**Call for nominations for next year’s officers/committee chairs.**

Kelly Barker and Jeannie Houts will share president position

Sara Taliaferro for Secretary

Need Treasurer, and perhaps VP (There are now templates for everything and budget that was set last summer made it through the year and has been pretty much on target. )

Danny and Kelly Barker will handle Staff Appreciation

Someone is needed to co-chair the fund-raising committee with Linda Hoopes. She will do Equal Exchange again for one more year.

Garden Club - Everything pretty much established, just need someone to set up weeding and mulching days

Farm to School - Scaling back this year. Continue Strawberry picking with New York. Offer fresh salad greens and hard boiled eggs for the salad bar.

Kelly Rettig and Christy Kelly are to give names from the kindergarten class as possible volunteers. Offer a sign-up sheet at the next years watermelon feed for committees volunteers. Advertise that everyone is welcome to come to meetings - not just officers, and perhaps officers should bring friends so membership of the PTA is not so intimidating so it is easier to fill officer positions.



**Newsletter items:** Newsletter will hopefully go out next wed. Send out a reminder for reading night (1/4 sheet). April 22nd Garden work date 1:00-4:00.