**Minutes from** November 8, 2017

*Committee Reports:*

* *Pancake Dinner, Hannah Mayer- Went well! Consider adding other activities next year i.e. Scarecrow decorating contest, Pumpkin carving contest.*
* *Book Fair, Chantal Hoffsten- fall event proceeds to go to PTO;  Spring book fair to be scheduled with Muffins with Mom and Maker Space*
* *Dine out/Nights out, Julie LeFevre for Dori Degenhardt-* 
  + *El Indio Dec. 14th, Leopard Boutique Nov. 28, Barnes and Noble -Dec. 1*
  + *Need a new “Dine Out” Chair*
* *Pop Sockets, Drea Ranek- cost is $5 each, will sell for $10*
* *Welcome Committee, Rebecca Dohrman*
* *School Tours; scheduled and call to schedule*
* *Consider a “public facing” Facebook page to promote community involvement*

*New Business: Playground*

* *Anna Hupp Memorial, Meredith Cipra and Lisa Hilpert- Memorial ceremony in the Spring* 
  + *Present a Bench from PTO- Meredith will have a plaque made.*
  + *2nd grade families to fund a Butterfly release*
  + *Melinda and Joe Hupp will present an outdoor “library” for the playground- 2nd grade possibly decorate*
* *New Playground*
  + *Eric Gruenenfelder to lead (?)*
  + *First steps*
    - *Survey to families*
    - *Focus groups with both school children and parents*
    - *Notify the district*
  + *From Eric:* 
    - *Most playground companies will donate 50%*
    - *Need to get quotes after we decide what we would like to include*
    - *4-5 reputable companies in the St. Louis area*
    - *Need to look into grants*
  + *General ideas suggested by attendants*
    - *Stage/amphitheater/alternative classroom area*
    - *Music*
    - *Forts/house*