Draft Minutes
CORL STREET ELEMENTARY
PTO BOARD MEETING

March 18, 2015

In Attendance:
PTO Board members: Scott Mato (Principal), Krista Pal (Vice President) Heather Ross (Treasurer), Dee Patel (Secretary) **Committee Chairs:** Michelle Rowland (Newsletter), Melissa Reed (Teacher Appreciation), Rachel Unger (Spirit Sales), Terrill Salter (Ice Cream Social), Catie Breneman (Author Visit), Jen Roth (Dodgeball) Melissa Salvia (5th Grade Party) **Teachers:** Rich Schmidt **Parents and Guests:** Susan McCormick, Lisa Jimenez, Kristy Witmer, Sabine Doran, Wendy Stapleton, David Hutchinson

Call to Order: 6:35

I. Welcome and Introductions: Krista Pal welcomed everyone and began introductions.

II. Principal's Remarks: Scott Mato declares this the first full week of school in two months. Enjoying lunch once a month with PAWS winners. Last day of school, Wednesday, June 10. Find the academic calendar on district website. March 30th, kindergarten registration, see district website under enrollment and registration. Summer Champs Camp open house nights at Park Forest and Mount Nittany. Reminder to families of students grades 3-5 of PSSA testing to please send kids to school and help them be well-rested.

III. School Board Report: Dave Hutchinson reports that the High School project is getting underway. Preparation starts summer, construction starts this fall and will continue until 2018.

IV. Approval of Minutes: One misprint noted and changed. Rachel Unger motions to accept. Susan McCormick seconds. Motion passed.

V. Treasurer's Report: Heather Ross explained present budget. See attached. We still have $8,300 we are planning to spend.

VI. Committee Reports:

A. Dodgeball (cancelled)- Jen Roth- Should we consider planning a different family event? Some ideas include family carnival, or other event which involves the kids.

B. Expo- Mr. Schmidt remembers parents who came in to lunch to explain and encourage students to participate. Participation seemed to be down. Discussion and brainstorm followed about how to improve Expo.

C. Penn Skates Family Night- March 21, 4:30-7:00 PM

D. Author Visit- Catie Breneman reports that she will be stepping down as chair for next year. There is a sign up genius to provide appetizers and dessert reception. We will be providing lunch for the author and Mrs. Davis. The committee decided to buy the author's books signed for each classroom. Catie expresses gratitude to the PTO for providing this event.

E. 5th Grade Party- Melissa Salvia reports that the party will be held at Tussey Mountain. Still waiting for prices and customizing the event. The dates they are looking at are Wednesday June 3rd and raindate the next day. Question about the t-shirts. They are trying to work the t-shirts into the budget.

F. Spirit Sales- made $265 at Expo. Rachel Unger, chair, presents the newest t-shirt to be for sale this spring, designed by a Corl Street teacher and voted on by students.

G. Newsletter- Michelle reports that the deadline for the next newsletter is this Saturday, March 21st.

H. Ice cream Social Committee- Terrill Salter, new chair, is looking for committee members. Terrill suggests a different color name tag for new, non-kindergarten families, as well as a directory and yearbook. Discussion followed about compiling a welcome packet for new families.

VI. Old Business:

A. Trees for the playground- Lori Smith is using a new nursery. Will discuss more next month.

VII. New Business

A. Rich Schmidt requests funds to pay $80 for bus to Arboretum. Terrill moves to cover the cost of the bus. Melissa Salvia seconds. Motion passed.

B. Jill Ross and Rich Schmidt request $45 for coaches shirts for both track and volleyball. Rachel Unger motions to provide funds for the shirts. Catie Breneman seconds. Motion passed.

C. Book Exchange- Kristy Witmer explains that students bring in old books (no board books), then students can each choose one.

D. Kristy requests a co-chair for Field Day Bingo to help out all day.

A. **Motion to Adjourn- Catie Breneman motions. Wendy Stapleton seconds. Motion passed.**

Meeting Adjourned at 7:55