

Prairie Heights PTO  
August 18, 2009

**Attendance:** Shelli Kraus, Elizabeth Brooks, Ben Kormanik, Brier Kormanik, Laural Marshall, Missy Lathrop, Kim Bomberger, Amber Jones, Anita Salas, Cynthia Schrader, Michelle Poole, Karen Hinkle, Kacie Evans, Nancy Evans, David Hale, Casey Maransani, Becky Hiebert, Angela Moore, Jean Johnson, and LeeAnn Taylor.

**Old Business:**

- Minutes were read and amended. The profit from the geranium sales was \$2,650.00 instead of \$5,922.00.

- Financial report was read.

- PTO received numerous thank you notes from students and staff regarding the parties provided by the PTO for both schools. - 27  
Prairie Heights students utilized the PTO sponsored school bus provided for transportation to Red Cross Swimming Lessons in Council Grove.

- The PHMS open house/watermelon feed on the evening before school was successful. Open house for the elementary school is set for Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. Michelle will purchase cookies and punch to serve at that event.

- It was approved to purchase Twister t-shirts for the new students of Prairie Heights including the kindergarten class.

- The motion passed to continue to provide the Gold Fish Races and a Sandy Candy Booth at Old Settler's Day. It was approved to sell pop and snacks during Old Settler's Day as well. Volunteers are needed to help with the booths and snacks.

- The new playground arrived and was installed this summer at the elementary school thanks to numerous volunteers. Michelle has sent thank you notes to the volunteers who helped with this project.

- Elizabeth Brooks reported that only \$3,500.00 was used out of the \$5,000 PTO pledged funds for this project. In order to get the discounts discussed in last meeting, it was decided not to include the tic-tac-toe attachment and bench that was included in the original plan. It was decided to not pursue getting those at this time.

- It was discussed that purchasing new scoreboards will be a priority for the fundraising efforts this year. Casey Maransani will research types of scoreboards and availability.

- Tack strips will be purchased for PHES tomorrow. Ben Kormanik volunteered to install these.

- Kim Bomberger spoke about landscaping plans at PHMS. Eight Native Grass plants will be planted in the existing area. The landscape committee did not meet.

## **New Business:**

- Anita Salas spoke about Red Ribbon Week that is sponsored by the Morris County Anti-Drug Task Force during October 26<sup>th</sup> - October 30<sup>th</sup>. It was moved and seconded to provide \$125.00 for supplies for Red Ribbon Week to be used by both schools during this week.
- It was approved to sponsor another cookie dough fundraiser this fall. The money will be used to repay PTO the pledged money.
- It was approved to continue the Box Tops fundraiser. This continues to bring in good funds for Prairie Heights.
- A motion was made and seconded to have a school carnival on April 10, 2010. Briar Kormanik will chair the carnival committee. Michelle Poole will give her names of volunteers who signed up during enrollment.
- PTO will again sell geraniums in the spring for fundraising. A discussion was held and tabled concerning the dates this will be held, as the spring program at the elementary school is held earlier this school year. Michelle will contact Neosho Gardens about delivery dates and report at next meeting.
- It was unanimously passed to pay \$25 to teachers and support staff at either school as an incentive to provide an article for the newspapers to promote school awareness. The money is to purchase school supplies for their classroom.
- Funds were received from the Stacy Johnson Memorial Fund to purchase books for the library. Karen Hinkle will write thank you notes to the Johnson family.
- The family of Butch Roberts used memorial funds to purchase school supplies for the students of Prairie Heights.
- A discussion was held about providing a "parent listing" with available ways to contact other parents. ***It is understood that the information going out needs to state that names, addresses, and contact numbers is not being provided by the Prairie Heights schools*** and persons are voluntarily providing the information for the list. Amber Jones will compile a letter to begin the process of a Parent List.
- Information about a poster contest was given to the teachers. The theme is "Put the Brakes on Fatalities." Elizabeth said she would make copies and put them in the break/work rooms at the schools.
- Volunteers signed up to work at the home volleyball and football concession stands. More volunteers are needed.
- Prairie Heights teachers will be asked to provide a list of events and or supplies for which they will request funds, and present them at the next meeting.
- The next meeting will be held 5:30pm **Tuesday, September 15, 2009 at PHES.**