

Prairie Heights PTO  
February 16, 2010

**Attendance:**

- Amber Jones, Cynthia Schrader, Michelle Poole, Karen Hinkle, Kacie Evans, Missy Lathrop, Laural Marshall, Jean Johnson, Christa Miller, Shelly Kraus, Elizabeth Brooks, and Kim Bomberger.

- Minutes were read and approved.
- Financial report was read.

**Old Business:**

- Kacie Evans reported about the future purchase of an on-line Accelerated Reader program for the elementary school. Last meeting we had voted to buy this and for it to be in place for the fall of the 2010-2011 school year. After contacting the company the price had almost doubled from the original amount. This was discussed and agreed upon that this was too important of a program to just drop because of cost. An Accelerated Reader committee was formed and they will look into grants and community donations to help provide this to our school. The committee consists of Amber Jones, Laural Marshall, and Michelle Poole.

-Laural Marshall reported that Hy-Vee in Manhattan periodically runs specials involving Box Tops.

- Kacie Evans submitted an article to be put in the paper. She will be paid \$25.00 to be used in her classroom.

- Elizabeth Brooks reported for the Teacher Spotlight. To celebrate 100 days in school her students wrote about what they would be doing in 100 years, and what they would do with \$100. She said it provided some entertaining reading and offered some insight of what \$100 was perceived to be by second graders. These papers are displayed in the PHES hallway.

- Elizabeth Brooks also presented the PTO a thank you card in recognition of the 100 year anniversary of the organization. This card was signed by the Prairie Heights teachers and accompanied with some home baked goodies and cookies.

**-New Business:**

- Michelle Poole plans on ordering new scoreboards with the wireless control this week after finalizing a few things with Rick and Diane.

- Michelle will be distributing forms for the Geranium Fundraiser on March 12<sup>th</sup> with a return date of March 26<sup>th</sup>. Students will have spring break to sell flowers.

- The delivery date for the spring Geranium Fundraiser will be April 27<sup>th</sup> at the Middle school this year. Kacie Evans volunteered to help with sorting the plants as they arrive at PHMS that afternoon.

- The school carnival will be Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 p.m. Briar Kormanik and the carnival committee will go through and organize old prizes and purchase new prizes for the event. It was also suggested to have pre-rolled tickets before hand.

- PTO will again sponsor a hot dog meal at the carnival.

- PHES Book Fair dates are Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>, March 1<sup>st</sup>, and March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

- PHMS Book Fair dates are April 21<sup>st</sup> -28<sup>th</sup>.

- Kim Bomberger spoke about the landscaping at both buildings. Landscaping is mostly finished in Dwight. Some light pruning and watering during dry weather will need to be done at both locations as the weather warms up.

- Kim Bomberger shared thoughts on the budget cuts concerning our district and local schools. She encourages people to ask questions and offer input to the USD #417 Board of Education members.

- The next meeting will be held 5:30pm **Tuesday, April 20, 2010 at PHES.**