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**Poplar Tree Elementary
PTA Meeting Minutes September 28, 2016**

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:58 PM

In Attendance: Patti Powers, Kelly Steinbach, Karrie Delaney, Kara Balzano, Rebekah McDonald, Allison Denenberg, Stacy Casey, Adrienne Nicholson, Sherry Olson, Kimberly Powers, Wanda Radler, Kim Paska, Holly Walker, Sharon Williams, Cynthia Uncles, Nischala Aamidala, Heather Ellison, Rupal Thakken, Rihin Thakken, Liz Pullicino, Kelly Nuckols, Rebecca Meonigle, Michelle Breslin, Shauna Rodrigoia, Carolyn Caywood, Heather Phillips, Kim Sellers, Hima Lanka

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Review meeting minutes from August 24. Approved as written.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

5th Grade Curriculum Connection, Kelly Steinbach & Kim Paska

5th Grade is making request for funding part of social studies curriculum. Would like to bring in another expert (knight) to put on assembly for students. Would like PTA to consider funding \$500.

SUMMARY/UPDATE OF FCPS ON, Mr. Thimons and Ms. Wooden

- Delivered over 600 computers (over 450 to students in grades 3-6)
- Wireless issue identified and repaired
- Students in grades 3-6 are expected to put computers in their backpack before leaving home in the morning and before leaving school at the end of the day
- Digital Citizenship lessons. Will start to roll out resources in classrooms through Blackboard. Will get a chance to see how they are to carry themselves online as a good digital citizen through Parent Vue.
- Working with teachers to identify alternatives to printing. Resource on website to help with printing issues at home.
- FCPSOn questions link on Poplar Tree Webpage. There is also a form where you can submit a question to the Tech team.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Last month PTA worked hard to finalize key dates, completed audit, drafted budget.

CLUBS

Open Positions:

- Girls on the Run. This is run by two teachers, but looking for PTA liaison. Michelle Breslin stepped up to do this.
- Odyssey of the Mind – still looking for leader.
- Need PTA County Council member.

Budget

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Items of Note:

Hoping for \$16,500 on No Fuss Fundraiser; this is \$500 over last year.

Increasing online auction from last year.

Clubs - Lengthy discussion over First Lego League.

Cindy Uncles spoke on Author Visits. Would like to increase Author Visit budget from \$2300 to \$2500 (additional \$200). Lengthy discussion followed about library author visits.

Motion to increase Author Visits budget by \$200 additional. Motion passed.

Also discussed removing the money the PTA is budgeting for the 4th and 5th grade items and move them to separate line items for better tracking purposes on the budget.

Budget passed as amended with addition of \$200 for author visits.

Treasurers Report

Using new software – MoneyMinder

Audit Report given by Allison Denenberg

- Approved audit findings.

Membership Update

- 40 teachers
- 321 parent members
- hoping for more people to join once directory data comes out

Directory

- Should receive email next week to go online to verify their directory information. Will be given two weeks to see the directory, then PTA only.

No Fuss Update

- Table at both Back to School nights. Current donations. \$7496.75
- 138 different families donated.

Silent Auction – aiming for October. Chris Ferragamo.

New Business

Kimberly Powers – Cub Scouts. Always looking for new members. Let her know if there is any opportunity for Cub Scouts to help.

Upcoming Events

Spirit Night – Thursday October 13 Sweet Frog 4-9 pm

Fall Festival – Saturday October 29 – 5-8 pm

Movie Night – Friday, November 18

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Meeting Adjourned : 8:37 PM