Athey Creek Middle School PTSA

Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, June 2, 2015

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 9:30 am by Saleen Chenevert

Welcome/Introductions: Quorum established with 16 members in attendance.

**Presidents Report: *(Saleen Chenevert)***

The Year in Review with a list of accomplishments:

September:

- Welcome Back to School/6th grade survival kits

- 1st annual welcome of students new to the district breakfast

- Largest membership drive

- Supported new Robotics program with $1000

- Highest turnout for Turning Point

- Highest turnout/largest profit from back to school dance

October:

- Helped with Korean potluck Dinner

- Completely reorganized the Garage Sale process

- School store became compliant with new federal regulations – lots of shopping

- Started adding Student presentations to our meetings

November:

-Helped with Athey Turkey Trot

December:

- Began new Garage Sale process

- Voted to purchase Reader board sign for school!!! ($12,000)

- Winter Dance – again highest winter turnout

- Helped with Korean potluck

- Started making regular postings on Facebook about events at Athey (we have 285 members)

- TASA Closet in the staff lounge was remodeled with new shelving to make better use of space

January - June:

- BREAK ROOM remodel!!!(new furniture, cleaned out shelving, added a movable island, new artwork on walls, bar table, new desk.

- GARAGE SALE – worked so much better to have the containers on-site, made the unloading so much faster, we had the largest number of volunteers, it ran so much smoother than believed, and the clean-up went so fast, we were done in about an hour! – a dream

- Tea for Minnie Jean Brown Trickey

- We made $14000 at the garage sale in April to give in grants

- Bus driver appreciation (gave each bus driver a fun cup filled with M&M’s & gift card

- School store opened 3 days a week

- 8th grade party moved to catering a lunch at Oaks Park day

- Volunteer appreciation – Kate organized this event at Wonkers for June 8

Library furniture was one of our goals to replace, but the school ended up paying for that & we got such a great deal from Britany Tiffany. We will have four new couches & four new chairs soon!

The walking track around the school has been taken on by an Eagle Scout who will fix up the path with new chips and add dog stations and put up mile markers. We provided $100 for materials.

Next year’s officers: Dana Callaghan – President

Kathleen Jensen – Vice President

Sheila Adams - Treasurer

Margaret Koch – Secretary & TASA Coordinator

Joanne Masters – Membership

Kate Hoots – Volunteer Coordinator

Jane Bernasconi – Website

Shari Winters – Student Store

Saleen Chenevert – Garage Sale Coordinator

**Principals Report: (*Kathy Gregg for Joel Sebastian*)**

Lots going on! The band concert outside was fantastic! It felt so alive, the acoustics were great and having the pizza was a lot of fun with no worries about spills! The pizza sales actually made about $1000. Kathy expressed heartfelt thanks for all the PTSA has done, and wants to make sure we all knew that on a daily basis, she is so thankful for all the work we’ve done and how we’re all in this together. The school has completed the OAKS testing with only a few kids finishing up. All grades are finishing up classes. The 8th grade band goes to Seattle on Friday. This Wednesday night is the final Spring Choir Concert at 7pm. Tonight, Tuesday is the Instrument night for the incoming 6th graders to try out musical instruments.

**Student Report**:

- MinniJean Brown Tricky assembly. The students are now reading a book about one of the kids from the Little Rock Nine titled, “Warriors Don’t Cry” to further their understanding of the situation.

- Students participating in the Savanah White Oak work

- Thanks for the Oaks Park Lunch

- 8th Graders will be rehearsing for the upcoming recognition ceremony.

**Student Store**: ***(Shari Winters)***

Rachael Stevenson will work with Shari and then take over. The store made $1541 profit, ended up with a solid group of volunteers who worked about an hour each shift during the lunch hour three days a week, and the students love it!

**Turning Point: (*Shari Winters*)**

Becky Luther, incoming 6th grade family is taking over for Shari. She already has a list of volunteers!

**TASA*: (Margaret Koch)***

Margaret took over half way through the 2013-14 school year, and then this year was able to experiment with the menus and try some fun things like the virgin margaritas for the last TASA in May. Need to work a little on communication so it isn’t such a panic a couple days before each month’s luncheon. Also in scheduling next year’s dates, being more conscious about the luncheon not being the week before or after long breaks, as it was hard to get food donations. Margaret has been updating the TASA Manual so the next person will have complete information about the process. We will be looking for someone to take over as next year will be Margaret’s last year at Athey.

**Membership: (*Joanne Masters*):**

We currently have 215 members, 20 of those are staff members. Last year we had 175 members. July 31 we start the assembling the paperwork for next year.

**Volunteer Recognition*: (Kate Hoots)***

June 8, from 4-5:30pm we are having a volunteer appreciation celebration at Wonkers. We sent out over 100 evites, and have at least 25 confirmed so far. There are 4 staff members coming so far. Wonkers is a nice neighborhood setting and they’ve been very generous in helping us out with things like ice and change for different events. We’ve had an incredible amount of volunteers this year so want to be sure to thank everyone!

**Incoming President: (*Dana Callaghan*)**

Dana did a brief introduction about herself and is looking forward to next year. She likes the idea of fundraising for a purpose, so if you have any ideas, let her know.

Kate suggested maybe looking into having a Teacher in Residence program, an artist/a scientist/or Spanish teachers. Stafford does this, and this is a great way to reach as many kids as possible.

**8th Grade Celebration: (*Allie Jensen*)**

In consideration of how many things are going on for the 8th graders, we’ve changed plans and decided to combine efforts by providing a lunch for the 8th grade celebration day at Oaks Park after the recognition ceremony. The Pavilion will be open from 12-1:30 for lunch and is already scheduled with volunteers. Jimmy Johns will cater with sandwich’s, chips, fruit & a fun dessert. This will evolve as next year we’ll have more time to plan it, so can look for some fun things like a snow cone truck/pizza truck, etc.

**Website: (*Jim Kamikawa)***

Jane Bernasconi will be taking over for him as Website Administrator. She is already doing a great job of making it even better!

**Community Reports:**

**Education Foundation: *(Jim Kamikawa & Elaine Cozart)***

Count Me in Campaign: Jim volunteered to do the calls and it was kind of fun. He mostly left messages, but everyone was very polite. Ten teachers volunteered to make calls, as did Kathy & Joel. The Count Me in Campaign ends on June 7.

The choir trip to Federal Way went really well with Athey finishing in First place, with a superior rating. Rosemont got 2nd place, also with a superior rating. West Linn/Wilsonville district did well!

Tonkin Challenge is this Sunday, June 7 from 7am-12pm. Athey has a team signed up with 10 passes.

Elaine is looking into being president of the Foundation next year.

**New Business:**

No new business reported.

**Upcoming Dates this Fall 2015/Spring 2016:**

7/31: Assembly of paperwork for the envelopes

9/18: Back to School Dance

9/22: Girls Turning Point

9/24: Boys Turning Point

4/15-16, 2016: Garage Sale!

**Adjourn**: Meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.

Want to continue the discussion or join a committee that presented today? Here is contact information for the presenters:

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Attachment A: Sign in Sheet

Date Minutes Approved: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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