

Cougar Council PTSO Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2014

Present: Laura Minsk, Deb Christensen, Susan Montgomery, Nancy Bishop, and Alyson Flood.

1. **Call meeting to order** at 7:08pm
2. **Minutes** – Minutes were approved without changes
3. **Treasurer's Report** – Deb Christensen moved we accept the treasurer's report and Nancy Bishop seconded. The report was approved.
4. **Old Business – Academic Recognition Program** –payment of Chick-fil-a minis. We received in \$100 gift certificates and had budgeted \$100. Event went really well. Recommendation to put in a different date for the event in signup genius to send out the reminder emails earlier. Nancy Bishop wondered how many families were PTSO members. Susan moved that we request the remainder of the balance from the Chick-fil-a breakfast from the school. Alyson seconded. The motion was approved. Nancy thinks more parents might want to attend the next event.
5. **New Business**
 - a. **Fundraising** - Monkey sale at Valentine's Day. How much should we charge for the monkeys? Nancy has purchased 204 monkeys and we have some leftover from last year. Should we have a pre-sale and sell some for \$2 and then some for \$3 later? Others felt that we couldn't sell them for a higher price later. We can sell at the open house as well. We could do a sign-up genius for people to sell monkeys during lunches. Would like to have at least one board member to sell at each lunch time. The decision was to leave the price of the monkeys at \$2 each. Susan said it's not just a fundraiser but also a boost for the kids. Sell from February 6th through the 12th and then we need to have a date and time to attach the tags and sort the monkeys. Looking for possibly four people to help for each day. Susan is volunteering Wendy to help staple the tags to the monkeys and then sort into garbage bags. Deb can help as well.
 - b. **Possible new membership drive** – to follow up success of Academic Recognition Program. Make a push at the second semester open house.
 - c. **Senior Scholarship** – discuss application changes. So far we have enough to support two \$600 scholarships. We hope to have enough for three. Discussion about changes to the application. Revise so that only student or family are PTSO members can apply. We need to add a rubric to assess the applications.
 - d. **Senior medallions** – cost information and vote on ordering. Deb presented information about the cost of ordering two years of senior medallions. There is a difference between ordering 500 or less. The cost to order 500 would be \$1375.00. This is an increase of over \$200 from the cost two years ago. Should the cost of the medallions only come from the PTSO or should the cost come partly from the school as well. Should we open this up to the parents in the system to see if anyone would be willing to make a donation to help defray the cost? We decided to ask Mrs. Fisenne whether the school will help pay for these.
 - e. **Hospitality Chair** – we still need a chair. When should we put on another event? February soup/salad luncheon? Pi Day is March 14th (Friday) Teacher Appreciation in May. We cannot do anything in February but we can possibly do Pi day. How can we get more parent involvement? Ask Mrs. Fisenne.
 - f. **Open House** - Mrs. Fisenne would like us to change our February meeting to Monday, the 10th so we can have a meeting before open house like we did in the fall. That date doesn't have any home athletic events. This was approved. Deb will let Mrs. Fisenne know.
6. **Next meeting February 11, 2014.** Changed to the 10th for open house.
7. **Any other business?** Suggestion by Alyson to put out a calendar for the events of the year and try to get people to help with different events and such.
8. **The meeting adjourned at 8:55.**