

## Cougar Council PTSO Meeting Minutes - October 8, 2013

1. Called to order at 7:02PM. In attendance Lisa Holliday, Raji Suresh, Laura Minsk, Kathie McKain, Susan Montgomery, Wendy Duemmler, Nancy Bishop, Alyson Flood, Wilma Weimer, Kathy Webster, Deb Christensen and Kim Fisenne.
2. Welcome and introductions: introductions were made among all present
3. No minutes from last meeting as it was a short meeting where Open House was briefly discussed.
4. Treasurer's Report: 38 teachers joined, 132 members. No official data base in the past, but this is a new record in terms of membership! Advertisement for Senior signs questioned due to only 7 signs being sold to date. Ms. Fisenne willing to add it to the Cougar Chronicle – perhaps including a photo on owners lawn. Nancy Bishop made the suggestion to sell them at the soccer senior night. Ms. Fisenne okayed selling them in the Concession stand senior night. Motion made by N. Bishop to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Seconded by W. Duemmler.
5. New business:

Fund Raising - February Monkey sale for \$3 per monkey is a go. This was the biggest fund raiser toward senior scholarships along with the jeans pass. We have about \$1200 raised already. Nancy explained what a jeans pass is to the new members. Hat Day wasn't very successful nor was Belk Day (due to short notice). PTSO does not need to complete form per Ms. Fisenne – just get dates cleared by her. Nancy needs the Tax ID number to present to donors. We are also collecting old cell phones which we can receive varying amounts of money for depending on type of phone. Wilma Weimer explained Yankee Candle and Thirty One Fundraisers. She is willing to donate 25% back to CATA from sales from Thirty One. Nancy reported about a possible Coke fund raiser, but the Band already has daily Canteen sales. N. Bishop also presented Invest in Excellence as a possible fund raiser. Susan Montgomery suggested 50/50 raffle at football games. Ms. Fisenne will check on restrictions. Wilma Weimer asked about \$1 day donations for some incentive to raise money among the students. First Belk Day is Nov 9<sup>th</sup> – Nancy will look into that. Candles are currently being sold by HOSA. Ms. Fisenne is urging clubs to be more community service minded rather than fund raising. We will revisit Yankee Candle in January meeting to sell in Spring. A suggestion was also made to raffle off a basket at sports events or next year's Open House. General decision made to do Invest in Excellence for second semester. Motion made by S. Montgomery for fund raising committee to discuss Invest In Excellence and Yankee Candle time lines. Ms. Fisenne seconded.

Staff luncheon in Nov- K. McKain is leading this. We used Sign Up Genius last year to coordinate food donations, workers, etc. She needs help setting this site up with all the new members. Ms. McKain will email Ms. Fisenne with possible dates. Menu will be Thanksgiving theme. Kathy will send Ms. Fisenne a write up the luncheon for the Cougar Chronicle to reach the entire school population rather than just the PTSO members.

Academic Recognition Program – Selected student's names could either be scrolled on the monitors or posters could be made. A suggestion was made to offer these students a simple breakfast at school. Alyson will help Laura with this. She can also decorate well. ☺Criteria will be decided by Laura and Ms. Fisenne and then the teachers will be notified. This will be done each once a semester.

Question was broached about contacting the Monroe Kiwanis Club to assist w/ the breakfast.
6. Next meeting on Nov. 12th at 7PM in the Media Center
7. Meeting adjourned at 8:25PM

Minutes respectively submitted by Wendy Duemmler