

# Sweet Home Parents and Teachers Organization (P.T.O.)

September 13, 2004

President Chumchal called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM in the school cafeteria. There were a total of 17 persons who signed in at this meeting. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

The Superintendent's report was postponed until later in the meeting. The minutes were approved as read with the motion being made by Teri Hermes and seconded by Denise Raz. All approved and the motion carried.

The treasurer's report was read by President Chumchal. It was reviewed and approved with a motion made by Christie Talbert and seconded by Judy Anderle. The regular checking account showed a balance of \$1,239.43 and the money market checking account showed a balance of \$14,106.64.

Under old business, Lolly Mican reported that the Sweet Home MusicFest went well. The sausage-on-a-stick and the turkey legs sold on Friday night went fast and netted around \$300. Some of the issues that were discussed included a large amount of outside ice chests and food being brought into the festival, and the location of the concession stand by the community center may not have been as frequented as before. There was also discussion that the tent used to provide shade belongs to Mr. and Mrs. Campbell and perhaps the PTO should purchase their own tent or offer to buy the tent from the Campbells as it is a frequently used item. Lolly Mican said she would look into the costs and contact the Campbells before the next meeting.

The annual Sweet Home Chili Supper date is set for February 5<sup>th</sup>. The sign-in sheets were available for all to choose which committee they would like to help with. President Chumchal stated she would chair the publicity committee, Christie Talbert would head the correspondence committee, and Lolly Mican would chair the hall set-up committee. Each committee should begin planning and could meet on their own to give updates at the next meeting.

Under new business, Christie Talbert gave a report on the ongoing cookbook fundraiser. She stated that they should be ready in time for Christmas. There was discussion on the new students and staff that had recently joined Sweet Home and Christie said she would contact Christine Brown, the chairperson to see if the new recipes could still be added to the book. In addition, there would be a \$1190 upfront printing cost to fund the 700 copies. This was reported to be the best bargain and it would return a profit of \$5,810 for the playground committee. Tiffany Johnson made the motion to donate \$1190 to the cookbook committee for advance printing of the 700 copies of the cookbook with the intention of donating all the profits of the sales to the playground committee. Lolly Mican seconded the motion. All approved and the motion carried.

Also under new business, Tiffany Johnson reported that the scholarship fund information that is distributed to all new students at Sweet Home School includes the wording specific to kindergarten classes and

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with the new addition of pre-kindergarten the scholarship guidelines may want to be revised. After some discussion, Lolly Mican made a motion to add the pre-kindergarten classes to make students eligible to receive the scholarship. Tana Jalufka seconded the motion. All approved and the motion carried. Ms. Bludau suggested the guidelines should be reviewed in a committee and rewritten to be presented at a later meeting for approval. Ms. Jaks and Tiffany Johnson volunteered to be on that committee.

President Chumchal announced that recently there was a tragic car accident involving the Gamboa family. A motion was made by Juliet Monk for the PTO to send a card and a \$50 donation to help with any costs they incurred. It was seconded by Terri Hermes. All approved and the motion carried. Tiffany Johnson said she would get a card and forward it to Mrs. Campbell to include the money to be sent.

The Superintendent's report included the upcoming Straightway program held at the school and the 8<sup>th</sup> graders trip to county commissioner's court. Ms. Bludau also announced the new tax rate for the school district and explained some details about the afterschool and tutoring programs.

A drawing for the teacher's attendance prize for the meeting was drawn and went to Shara Steffek's class. There was also a member's attendance prize that was awarded to Ms. Lange.

The next P.T.O. meeting will be held on Monday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2004.

A motion was made by Denise Raz to adjourn the meeting. Teri Hermes seconded the motion. All approved so the motion carried.

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President – Edna Chumchal

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Secretary – Tiffany Johnson

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