

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

September 9, 2003

President Neil Campbell called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM in the school cafeteria. There were a total of 30 persons who signed in at this meeting.

Jo Ann Bludau (Superintendent / Principal) commented that Grandparent's Day was a great success and there were even more participants this year. She also informed members that Christine Brown was working through the new parent resource office to coordinate Community Partner Meetings. She has already had two meetings and will be working on more. These include several businesses in the area and inform them of the school's goals. Ms. Bludau also reminded parents to help keep their student leaders' grades up as they are representatives of the school. There were also several reminders of important September dates including an upcoming Campus Advisory Council Meeting that still needs two members to volunteer. In addition, Ms. Bludau explained that students were to be participating in community service projects and logging their hours of service in order to help the grant matching funds. Christine Brown will have service sheets and will also send those in Thursday folders. Also, there were reminders of the counselor that is available on Monday afternoons, Family reading night, and the upcoming school board conference.

The minutes were read from the August 26<sup>th</sup> meeting and were corrected. A motion was made to accept the corrected minutes, seconded, and the motion carried.

The Treasurer Beth Campbell read the treasurer's report and explained the categories broken down monthly income and expenses. The regular balance was \$12,065.00. The money market account was \$13,332.66. This balance was after the startup money for the Music Festival concession stand was taken out. Ms. Hull made the motion to accept the treasurer's report, Ms. McCord seconded, and the motion carried.

Under old business, the chili supper date is January 31<sup>st</sup> since there were no other conflicting events. The discussion of committees included booking the hall. President Campbell stated the job duty is under the hall set-up committee. Both the sound and the correspondence chairpeople have stated they do not need any other assistance on their jobs. Those two committees are not needed. However, all other sign-up sheets were available and committee chairpeople will have folders available from last year to help them organize. Lolly Mican

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explained that last year she did child patrol and missed out on some of the activities. She also indicated there were some problems trying to enforce rules on all the children. Further discussion included the concern for the safety of the children, rules being posted on the door of the hall, announcements made periodically in the hall, and setting up shifts for the child patrol. Ms. Mican can offer further suggestions to the committee this year. President Campbell wants all the committees to be in place for the October meeting.

President Campbell called on Christine Brown to give an update on the Sweet Home Music Festival. Ms. Brown said that everything was under control, and they were setting up next to the hall with tables. They would be serving hot dogs, nachos, etc. Volunteers were assigned shifts, but all were encouraged to attend and help out including the students working on service projects. Suggestions were made to obtain a tent, and Ms. Brown said she would get one.

Under new business, an additional fundraiser of a November Rummage Sale was suggested. However, Christine Brown indicated that we should wait until we see the profits after the Music Festival to see if another fundraiser is needed. Ms. Bludau pointed out that the rummage sale would need space and the gym is occupied with classes and basketball season. There were several suggestions to have a kolache bake sale instead, and that idea was tabled for discussion after the Music Festival results.

Finally, President Campbell discussed a recent federal law concerning the disclosure of personal information about the students. He explained that any person could obtain information about the children without parental consent unless there was written directives not to. He suggested the PTO express their position to all the parents in the form of a written letter and would write that letter to be sent home in the Thursday folder. All members agreed. Discussion included that there was not that much knowledge about the law and most parents thought it was a local directory being created. Ms. Bludau said she would resent the papers home for parents to make changes if necessary. Also, it was suggested that a local directory may be created just for the benefit of the parents in Sweet Home School.

A drawing for the attendance prize for the meeting was drawn and went to Denise Raz's class.

The next P.T.O. meeting will be held on October 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

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A motion was made by Missy McCord to adjourn the meeting. Al Beard seconded the motion. All approved so the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

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President – Dr. Neil Campbell

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Secretary – Bernadette Shimek

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