

**SWEET HOME PARENTS & TEACHERS
ORGANIZATION**

MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 22, 2008

President Kelly Chandler called the meeting to order at 5:50pm in Ms. Steffek's room of the school buildings. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, Pledge to the Texas Flag and a moment of silence.

Everyone present signed in and was given the Agenda, Treasurer's Report, 2008-2009 Budget Summary, Teacher Supply Amounts Remaining, and list of PTO Membership Enrollment.

Kelly let everyone know, under the Executive Board report, that the Chili Supper is scheduled for January 31, 2009 and the hall has been booked.

Treasurer Edna Chumchal presented the Treasurer's Report and went over the other reports handed out as listed above. The current balance of the Money Market account is \$13,320.94 and the current balance of the checking account is \$293.72.

Mr. Meyer was asked to give the principal's report. Mr. Meyer thanked the PTO for the Meet and Greet Breakfast before the school year started, it was very successful and also thanked the PTO for the kolaches for the Grandparents Day Program. Mr. Meyer reported we currently have 128 students enrolled, which is up from 95 students just two years ago. Mr. Meyer also addressed the budget item for school improvements and made a suggestion of earmarking these funds and putting them aside until several years have been saved to be able to provide a bigger item such as a shade near the playground. This is something the officers will look into and see what is feasible.

Next, Kelly Chandler introduced the 2008-2009 PTO Officers which are as follows: Kelly Chandler, president; Tara Byrnes, vice-president; Sharla Pohl, secretary; Edna Chumchal, treasurer; and Jenny Pohler, parliamentarian. Kelly then introduced the teachers and staff that were present at the meeting. Mr. Meyer introduced the newest member of the staff, which is Diana Hanzelka, who will be providing counseling services and will be working with the 4th through 8th grades on character education.

What the PTO is about was discussed next and Kelly made sure everyone received the new brochure that went home in the Thursday folders. The meetings for this school year have been set for October 20th, January 19th, March 9th and April 20th. Our main fundraiser is the Chili Supper which will be held January 31st, 2009 as stated above. We provide scholarships with the funds raised at this event. There are several things we collect throughout the school year that also helps us provide additional items for the school. We collect Box Tops, Campbell's Soup Labels, Printer Cartridges and Cell Phones.

The new families attending the meeting were recognized and they are as follows: LuAnn Valigura and Stacy Chomout. Please greet these families and welcome them to our school family.

Tammy Brasher will be coordinating the Houston Livestock Show Art Contest for our school again this year and reported she will be getting information out soon.

Under Communications not requiring Action, we received two thank you's from Erin and Nick Jirkovsky for the 8th grade gift card and scholarship respectively. Diana Hanzelka also presented an alternative/additional style Cougar shirt and/or hoody if anyone is interested.

For the next meeting in October, we will assign Chili Supper Committees. Committees from last year were: Raffle, Auction, Food, Tickets, Games, Advertisement/Publicity, Correspondence, Kitchen, Set Up/Take Down, and Kid Patrol. Several members have already started speaking up for their favorites.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15p.m.