

**Hill City Grade School
PTO Minutes
September 12, 2011**

Attendees: Becky Atkins, Mary Brandyberry, Suzie McDowell, Josie Pimlott, and Vicki Wagoner

Suzie McDowell, past PTO Treasure, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Becky Atkins was elected President for the 2011-2012 school year with Suzie McDowell agreeing to retain her title as Treasurer. Thank you Becky and Suzie!

A sign-in sheet was passed around for attendees to write down their email address. The main way of communication will be through email on PTO issues. Becky will retain the sign-in sheets.

Treasurer Report:

Suzie reported we have \$542.46 in our account. We will pay \$250 to Xtreme Prints to help reduce the cost of school T-shirts. This will give a balance of \$292.46.

For future planning, Suzie stated that approximately \$65.00 was spent on Turkey Bingo last year and \$45.00 on Christmas Movie Day.

Scholastic Funds:

Becky reported that there is a \$48.19 balance.

New Business:

PTO Web Link - Vicki will speak with Mrs. Kennedy about having a PTO link on the PowerSchool webpage, so that meeting notices and minutes can be posted for all parents.

Newspaper Notice – A notice will be placed in the newspaper notifying all Hill Citians of the Box Tops, McDonalds Receipts, and Tyson Labels collections. Vicki will provide the Box Tops and Tyson notice to Josie, so that she can include the McDonalds information. The notice can then be emailed to the newspaper for publication.

Collection boxes – Boxes will be disbursed to churches, banks, organizations or any company that needs one. Becky has talked with Mrs. Hofstetter and the Character Counts team has agreed to decorate the collection boxes (may use Kleenex boxes, coffee cans, or oatmeal cans). We will also have a collection area in the Grade School lobby, if approved by Mr. Goodwin/Mrs. Kennedy, so that any Box Top, McDonald Receipt, or Tyson Label can be dropped off at the lobby of the school from anyone that may not have a Grade School Student. (This can be separate boxes stacked with appropriate labels listed.)

Xtreme Prints asked if PTO members could help with sorting school T-shirts. All were in agreement. Colleen Couey will call Mrs. Kennedy when the shirts are ready. (Could be the week of September 19th.)

Concession Stand Fundraiser – Becky will check with Christi Foster to see what dates are available and schedule PTO for several if possible. This will be a great PTO fundraiser!

Red Ribbon Week – It was decided by all members not to participate this year.

2011 Activity Planning:

- **Hot Dog Feed (Becky Atkins/Suzie McDowell)**
Becky will contact Diana Hart, KAYS, to see if they will walk the trick-or-treaters through town this year since Halloween falls on a Monday. If they are not interested, other organizations will be contacted (FFA, FCLA, etc.). This club involvement will help decide if we have the Hot Dog Feed. We will discuss this further at the next PTO meeting.
- **Book Fair (Mary Brandyberry)**
The Book Fair is scheduled for October 24-25, 2011 during Parent/Teacher Conference. Setup will be Thursday, October 20th at 5:00 p.m. Volunteers will be needed for Monday and Tuesday during the day to oversee the Book Fair room. Tear down will be Wednesday, October 26th at 5:00 p.m. Becky or Mary will check with Mr. Goodwin to see if the Band Room will be utilized again this year for the Book Fair. A Penny Box will be set up for donation of any leftover change when paying in cash. It was also discussed to maybe retain a portion of the Book Fair dollars for PTO funds instead of getting all free books. The Book Fair will be discussed in more detail at our next meeting.
- **Box Tops for Education (Vicki Wagoner)**
The first collection of Box Tops will be due October 21. We will have two winners per grade based on a drawing. One student per grade will win a Movie Pass (Becky will obtain) and the second student per grade will win a SubStation Ice Cream certificate (Vicki will obtain). A note regarding the Fall Collection will be distributed to students in October.
- **McDonald Receipts (Josie Pimlott)**
Josie discussed the McDonald's Receipt Program and we all thought it was beneficial to participate in the program. Josie will research the McDonald Receipt program, distribute a note to parents of our involvement and provide details of the program. The collection will be ongoing throughout the year and a collection box will be provided in the Grade School lobby. Each McDonald receipt is one point and you select merchandise from an online catalog. This is a new fundraiser.
- **Tyson Project A+ (Vicki Wagoner)**
Vicki discussed the Tyson Project A+ Program and we thought it was also beneficial to participate in. The school would receive 24¢ for each label collected. You must mail in no less than 100 labels at a time. Vicki will put together a note regarding our involvement with the Tyson Project A+ Project and forward to Josie so that it can be included with the McDonald's Receipt notice to parents. The collection will be ongoing and a collection box will be provided in the Grade School lobby. This is also a new fundraiser.

The next PTO meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 12th at 5:30 p.m. in the Teacher's Workroom.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:40 p.m.