

Birchwood PTO Meeting
Wednesday September 7, 2016
6:30PM
Birchwood Conference Room

MINUTES OF MEETING:

Members Present: Anne Burger (Recording secretary and parent); Jan Brown (co president and parent); Erin Cassady-Dorion (co president and parent); Deb Berndt (Principal); Maureen Younkin (treasurer and parent); Jill Appert (VP Fundraising and Parent); Amy Santandrea (teacher and liaison); Katie Cowley-Cooper (parent, Nature park, BBQ Chair); Mike Cooper (parent, Nature park); Suzanne Brooksby (VP Programs and Services and Parent); Tara McKenna (parent, Monster Mash Chair); Daniella Richardson (parent, ASEP Chair); Pennie Cuevas (parent, webmaster); Lori Lembo (parent, BBQ Chair).

Call to Order:

By Jan Brown at 6:35PM.

Approval of May Minutes:

1. Motion to Approve: Mike Cooper made the motion, Suzanne Brooksby seconded.
2. Co-Presidents Report (Erin Cassady-Dorion and Jan Brown):

-Fresh Schools will be giving a demonstration at 7PM for new method of obtaining directory. WE hoped to use eDirectory for one more year but Erin found Fresh Schools program.

3. Officer Reports:

a. VP Program and Services (Suzanne Brooksby):

-Back to school BBQ planning is underway. Lori and Katie are heading that up. There will be spin art instead of snow cones.

-The sale of Mums will start soon with distribution at the BBQ on 9/16

- Will be doing a Silly Fun Run at the BBQ with Silly String at the end.

Committee Reports:

-ASEP starts Monday 9/26. Still need someone for the cooking class. Perhaps Lori Lembo. Remind all the ASEP instructors to be at their position by 2:05 so children aren't there alone.

-Monster Mash will start at 6PM and there will be pizza and popcorn. There were some complaints about having to contribute so we are bringing back pizza and popcorn. Will try to get frozen yogurt and donations of water. Get rid of storyteller and perhaps get balloon artist or magician. Look into pricing.

Parent volunteers to dress up, mini spooky room perhaps. Burgers will do pumpkins again. There will be games and DJ-Evan Brooksby. Fire truck will come again. Look for volunteers from the middle and high school. Advertise in weekly bulletin earlier this year.

-Nature Club: The Cooper's were locked out of the shed. A new lock was installed. MRs. Berndt will look into this. There will be a story walk for the 1st graders. There were 2 Monarch Butterflies and 4 Swallowtails recently.

b. VP of Fundraising (Jill Appert):

-Will try doing a book fundraiser instead of food things.

-Are we set up for paypal? We use a different system that charges 3.2 %.

-Bike Ride for missing children will be September 30th. Mrs. Luyckx and Mrs. Mirkovic are riding!

c. Treasurer (Maureen Younkin):

-Reports distributed.

-Approval of report: Suzanne Brooksby made motion, Erin Cassady-Dorion seconded.

Fresh Schools did a presentation. Discussed using this instead of eDirectory. It costs \$160 per year. Motion to approve: Suzanne Brooksby made motion, Erin Cassady-Dorion seconded.

Using this method, we could email families directly from the website. People have to be invited to join once it's all approved.

4. Principals Report (Deb Berndt):

-We have had a good 2 days in school. Will be reading "What does it Mean to be Present?" to the children about mindfulness.

-Some new teachers and staff this year.

5. Teacher's Liaison Report (Amy Santandrea):

-Dismissal is going smoothly.

-Teacher's used the \$75 to purchase items.

-Each teacher can use Scotia Traveling museum.

-Money for field trips and buses.

-Proctor's has a kids program which is subsidized .

-Kindergarten will have 3 sessions again this year and will start tomorrow.

Concluding comments:

Adjournment: Erin Cassady-Dorion motioned to adjourn. Suzanne Brooksby seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:15PM. Submitted by Anne Burger Next Meeting : Wed 10/5/16 at 9AM.

Monster Mash 2016

1. 6:30 start again.
2. Consensus on food. Complaints from parents about having to contribute.
 - Should bring pizza back
 - Keep popcorn
 - Try to get frozen yogurt again
 - Donations of water
3. Get rid of storyteller. Balloon artist and possibly magician. Looking into pricing.
4. Parent volunteer/s to dress up, mini spooky room of sorts. PT room?
5. Burgers will do pumpkins.
6. 1000 prizes worked
7. Have volunteers already working on solicitations/donations.
8. New flier
9. Games- would like to get more, need parent volunteers. Looking into games from fun fair.
 - New games:
 - Bowling tp pumpkins
 - Balloon dart game
 - Witch hats/rings
 - Plinko
 - Pong
 - Tattoos
10. DJ? Evan Brooksby? *yes*
11. Fire truck will come again.
12. Tickets
13. Volunteers from middle and high school/contacted key club???
14. Advertise in weekly bulletin. Earlier this year.

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