

Nursery Elementary P.T.O.

January 12, 2015

The January meeting of the Nursery Elementary P.T.O. was called to order by Vice President Kelly Rehak at 6:10 p.m. in the school computer lab. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag was recited. Vice President Rehak requested that members present review the minutes from the November meeting. Tracey Burgman moved to accept the minutes as presented and Cheryl Garza seconded the motion. Treasurer Ariana Van Dusen presented the treasurer's report, stating that the current balance was \$19,572.54.

Old Business

Vice President Rehak asked members for feedback on several PTO sponsored activities from November and December. First topic of discussion was the Family Game night. Favorable response ensued. Mrs. Suzanne Bell, principal and superintendent of Nursery Elementary, reported that she had received many positive compliments from parents on the fun they had with their children that night. Positive perks were offered for the Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) event and visiting author, Spikey Mikey. The author's humor was appreciated by adults, as well as the students. Next on the discussion was the Teacher's Gift Idea Tree. Nikki Weber stated that she thought it needed to be explained better so the purpose would be clearer. Teachers did comment that the tree was appreciated. The cookies and punch following the Christmas Program received a big thumbs up!!!

New Business

Ariana Van Dusen explained that a name change of our organization was required when we qualified for our tax exempt (501C3) status. The formal name, per our amended Constitution and Bylaws, is now Nursery Elementary Parent Teacher Non-Profit Organization. We will continue to operate as "Nursery Elementary Parent Teacher Organization" as the new name is for government purposes only.

Kelly Rehak discussed the "Spirit Night" goal of PTO being organized. Originally, a Chik-Fil-A night was suggested, but they are booked a year in advance! Peter Piper Pizza had been considered, and appeared on the agenda, but on the day of the meeting, it was discovered that Chuck E. Cheese offers a better package. So, on a date to be announced in February, Nursery Elementary will host a Spirit Night at Chuck E. Cheese, receiving 15% of the sales of Cougars or others coming in to sponsor our school. The restaurant will send Chuck E. Cheese out to our campus to promote the activity, as well as provide other perks. The Spirit Night is intended to be more of an opportunity for fellowship than a fundraiser and a time for students and staff to enjoy the company of each other outside of the school setting.

Vice President Rehak next reported on our Spring Fling, set for Saturday, April 11, 2015. We have received a donation from Double J Sportfishing for a half day of bay fishing in Port

O'Connor for three people. The committee is working on securing a rifle for another raffle item as this was a big drawing item last year. Kelly reported that donations from Texas State Aquarium, Redbox, and Oriental Trading have come in already. Members were encouraged to take Donation Request Letters and start contacting businesses. Kelly stated that a Spring Fling committee meeting will be held soon to get the planning for the event underway.

Open Floor

No discussion.

Announcements

Vice President Rehak announced that a Wellness Night has been scheduled in conjunction with our February meeting. This Health and Safety Fair will include booths featuring blood pressure, vision, dental, car seat safety by VPD, Zumba for children, and more - the presentations will be held from the time our PTO meeting ends through 8 p.m. Exciting door prizes will be drawn for at the event!

Kelly reminded members that Mrs. Hooper will host Second Cup this Friday, January 16th, from 8:30 - 9:30 in the Studio.

Being no further announcements, at 6:38 Cheryl Garza moved to adjourn the business meeting so Mrs. Hooper could present a program on Internet Safety and Cyberbullying. Suzanne Bell seconded the motion. Members enjoyed brownies provided by Sydney Yusko following the presentation.

Note:

Hand-outs available tonight, in addition to the agenda, included copies of the November minutes, The Internet Safety and Cyberbullying outline and resource listing, and the updated Constitution and Bylaws, depicting our name change.