

Cherokee Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes

November 18th, 2015

- The meeting was called to order by President Kristy Garrett at 6:45 p.m.
- 20 people in attendance, including 3 staff members – Principal Lynn Mair, Ms. Sleem and Ms. Ferrans.
- **Welcome and Introductions**
 - President Kristy Garrett thanked everyone for attending.
- **Principal's Report**
 - Mrs. Mair thanked everyone for attending.
 - Ms. Ferrans thanked the PTO on behalf of the 2nd Graders. They had an awesome experience at the Bat presentation today.
 - Mrs. Mair noted that Brag Tag distribution will be on Tuesday during PJ & Movie Day. September – November Birthdays will also be celebrated.
 - Ms. Ferrans discussed the School Improvement Project.
 - Mrs. Mair noted that Cherokee was asked to host a Leader in Me Tour on December 16th. This will be a Leader In Me Collaborative Community Event. Family designed hats will hang in the Wildcat Den.
 - Mrs. Mair gave an overview on the Parent's Guide to MAP.
 - Mrs. Mair gave an overview on NWEA and went over a sample report.
 - Mrs. Mair distributed informational materials on the new report cards and gave an overview of the layout/marketing codes.
- **President's Report (Kristy Garrett)**
 - President Kristy Garrett thanked all the volunteers that have helped this school year – much appreciated.
 - President noted the Media Clerk, Ms. Jaster, is looking for volunteers for the upcoming Book Fair. Volunteers can sign up online, send Ms. Jaster an email or call.
 - President asked for opinions on doing the Little Caesars Pizza Kit Fundraiser. Interested was expressed and timeframe was discussed. February start date with delivery in March was noted.
 - OTIS Spunkmeyer cookie delivery was yesterday. Profit was \$3,734.60, thank you!!

- **Treasurer's Report**

- Treasurer Kim Broadbridge disbursed the updated 2015 – 2016 Budget.
- Treasurer gave a brief overview of the budget, noting the Walk-a-thon totals, Cookie sales, Meijer rewards, DAV bin.
- Treasurer also asked for interest on restaurant night fundraisers.

- **Committee Reports**

- President Kristy Garret noted we are in need of a Restaurant Night Coordinator. Anyone interested can contact the PTO office by email at 35PTO@cvs.k12.mi.us or phone: (586) 723-4818.
- President Kristy Garrett noted that Spiritwear orders are underway and forms are due November 20th. Full color forms are accessible on the PTO website.
- Santa Shop is scheduled for setup on Monday, December 7th and the shop will be open Tuesday, December 8th – Friday, December 11th. Cherokee uses “Fun Services” which offers a nice variety of items that range from .10 cents to about \$15. Volunteers will be needed and appreciated, schedule of class times will be disbursed in the December packet. Anyone interested in volunteering can contact the PTO office by email at 35PTO@cvs.k12.mi.us or phone: (586) 723-4818.
- President Kristy Garrett gave an overview of the PJ's and Pancakes event scheduled for the evening of Thursday, December 10th. Flyer was sent home in the November packet.
- Box Tops and Lipton Labels – thank you to all that have contributed, the top overall class for the October contest was Mrs. Muszynski's 2nd Grade class! They will enjoy the Cherokee Box Tops Classroom Trophy and a pizza party!
- Birthday Book Club – forms are accessible on the Cherokee website.
- President noted the Restitution Committee will be contacted soon to schedule a day to meet.
- Mrs. Mair gave an overview on the Giving Tree. Forms went out in packets and link is accessible on the Cherokee website.
- Halloween costume donations were noted and are always accepted in the office.

- **Floor opened for Parent Questions and Answers**

- **Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm**

- **Refreshments and treats served**

Nina Newsome, PTO Secretary