

Cherokee Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes
September 30th, 2015

- The meeting was called to order by President Kristy Garrett at 6:39 p.m.
- 44 people in attendance, including 10 staff members – Principal Lynn Mair, Ms. Locricchio, Ms. Sleem, Ms. Bracken, Ms. Thesein, Ms. Muszyinski, Ms. Hunter, Mr. Behnke, Ms. Wochaski, and Mr. Sundberg.

- **Welcome and Introductions**
 - President Kristy Garrett thanked everyone for attending.

- **Principal's Report**
 - Mrs. Mair thanked everyone for attending and gave a brief introduction.
 - Mrs. Mair gave an overview of the new October newsletter and noted that the October Paws Press packet will be coming home tomorrow with 3 different login information attached. Packets will be disbursed at the beginning of every month.
 - Mrs. Mair noted the changes in the district calendar. March 8th, 2016 will now be a full day off.
 - Ms. Thesein spoke on the upcoming Cherokee Walk-a-thon – Friday, October 2nd.
 - Ms. Bracken spoke on the upcoming Canned Food Drive – October 12th – 16th. It will also be a fun battle between Michigan and Michigan State fans!
 - Ms. Sleem gave an overview of Red Ribbon week – October 19th – 23rd.
 - Ms. Locricchio spoke about upcoming Halloween information.
 - Mrs. Mair spoke on Lifetouch Picture Day scheduled for Friday, October 9th. Online ordering gives more choices.
 - Mrs. Mair noted that Leadership Binders will start in October and MTSS starts Monday.

- **President's Report (Kristy Garrett)**
 - President Kristy Garrett gave an overview of how the Walk-a-thon donations are used towards Family Nights, Welcome Back Folders, Field Trips, Playground Equipment, etc. Walk-a-thon is this Friday, October 2nd, students wear their grade level t-shirts which are also their field trip shirts.
 - President noted that volunteers are needed and appreciated, encouraged to check out the sign-up board.

- President established a Restitution Committee for the 2015 – 2016 school year. Committee consists of Mitsy Clark, Chaz Garrett, Katrina Nowicki, Michelle Aiello and Michelle Johnson. Volunteers were thanked.

- **Treasurer's Report**

- Treasurer Kim Broadbridge thanked the Brody family for the tech help with modifying the budget.
- Treasurer disbursed the 2015 – 2016 Budget.
- Treasurer gave an overview of the budget, noting the projection of bringing in \$15,750 and spending \$27,457.
- Budget will continue to be presented in this new format.
- Kristy Garrett motioned to pass the 2015 – 2016 Budget. Sally Vaughn seconded it. Kristy Garrett called to vote. Vote taken. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously (44-0).

- **Committee Reports**

- Amy Pickett spoke on the Wildcat Walk-a-thon scheduled for this Friday, October 2nd. Online donations are accepted thru PaySchools, process is quick and easy. Schedule of the Walk-a-thon was noted and parents were encouraged to attend.
- Michelle Schumard spoke on the upcoming Trunk or Treat event scheduled for Friday, October 23rd. Hotdogs, chips and pop will be available for purchase. DJ will be entertaining and attendees will vote on best decorated trunk with prizes awarded. Volunteers are needed and appreciated. Flyer will be coming home in the October Paws Press packet.
- Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Sales – packets will be sent home next week. Top 3 sellers will win prizes. Deadline is October 20th and delivery will be the week of November 16th.
- Box Tops and Lipton Labels – thank you to all that have contributed, encouraged to keep clipping for the October Box Tops Contest. Top overall class will win the Cherokee Box Tops Classroom Trophy and a pizza party. President noted the online incentives at the Box Tops website.
- Capri Sun pouches for Terra Cycle was discussed and students are continuing to practice putting their Capri Suns in the appropriate bin.
- Target Rewards was discussed and parents were encouraged to link family members to Cherokee Elementary. The Cherokee ID is 60999.
- President gave an overview of the Birthday Book Club – forms are accessible on the Cherokee website.
- Mrs. Mair noted the Kindergarten P.E.N. Night is this Monday, October 5th. P.E.N. Night for 1st and 2nd graders is scheduled for November 5th. Parents are encouraged to register online.

- President noted the next PTO meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 28th at 6:30pm.

- **Floor opened for Parent Questions and Answers**
- **Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm**
- **Refreshments and pizza served**

Nina Newsome, PTO Secretary