**MES PTO**

**December 8, 2014 – 3:45 pm**

**Draft Meeting Minutes**

**Library**

PTO Members Attending: Lori Irwin, Sloane Jarell, Cheryl Brooks, Linda Dockham, Stacy Petell, Hamish Sherlock, Amanda Doherty, Jess Fortgang, Carlotta Girouard, Gretchen Arnold, Nancy Spaulding

Approval of agenda: Additions: 7: Carlotta – Wellness and Swift Update, 12: Hamish – Way to spend money. Agenda approved.

Cheryl reviewed the treasurers report – craft fair was a success. Book fair will be zeroed out ($1811). Cheryl will add Gamewright to PTO Income.

Kiersten was not available for Basket raffle report – will be done in January.

Gretchen said that the Book Fair was a success, but this is her final year and it is important to find a new chair. Linda will send out an email asking for a volunteer. Cheryl will close out Book Fair as we have always done in the past.

Hamish stated that he was busy the entire craft fair – even sold out of games. He made a total of $1292 with $653 going to the PTO! All teachers got almost all their requests and games should be in by next Friday or early next week. Invoice will be sent to Hamish and then forwarded onto Cheryl. Next year suggestion: offer a gift wrap table.

Next November/December meeting offer a gift wrap exchange or collect peoples gift wrap and use it for Craft Fair gift wrap table.

Amada stated Little Caesars was a success – 2nd highest gross at $945.

No new update on playground equipment – sleds seem to be ok. Linda will email teachers to see if they need more/new sleds. December teacher appreciation volunteer is Julie Van Dyne.

Carlotta talked about the Wellness Committee teaming up with Memorial Hospital to put on an interactive wellness fair for the kids. More details will be forthcoming. Carlotta talked about a website where you can download protection for your computers/devices that helps parents set limits for screen time, filter content, monitor activity and blocks questionable sites. There is a free or paid version: www.qustodio.com

Cheryl suggested a possible information night – Officer Roberge from Conway offers a talk on internet safety. Could be offered to the parents – kids could watch a movie during that time.

There is a Farm to School info night at Tin Mountain December 17, 9am – 11am.

Sloane felt she was a bit stuck on the entertainment offerings. The Junk2Funk did not seem to be panning out because Jeffrey Erwin wanted to make it more of an artist-in-residence vs an assembly. This would not only be more expensive, but mileage and a place to stay would be needed. Sloane is still waiting to hear back from academicentertainment.com, but is not hopeful. Cheryl suggested The Norman Magic Experience. A number of PTO members stated they have seen him and he is amazing. Sloane will contact him and see what his availability might be for May.

The Memory Brick project has been in a holding pattern. Sloane will bring back detailed information in January.

Hamish suggested the PTO looking into Square to receive credit card payments at events. The Square takes between 2-4%. Something to think about. Hamish also suggested investigating whether or not Chris Waddell could come and speak to our school. He offers a program called: Name Tags – he is a paraplegic champion skier who talks about labels. It is a 1 ½ hour program for 3rd grade and up. Hamish will look into prices and get back to the PTO. Possible to partner with other schools in our district.

Sloane volunteered to be the PTO representative for the Integrated Arts team. Sloane will contact Tammy and let her know.

The PTO voted and approved Lori to purchase a PTO stamp and thank you notes.

PTO will be offering coffee and hot chocolate at the play on Friday the 19th.

Meeting adjourned at 5pm.

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Sloane Jarell