

Springmyer PTA Board Meeting Dec. 9, 2014 *

Principal's Report:	Amy Brennan	<p>We have enjoyed some great events since the last PTA Board Meeting, including: Grandparents' Night Thank you to PTA for wonderful refreshments! We received a lot of positive feedback about the evening's organization and the shuttle from Dulles. We are considering ways to create more time in classrooms for grandparents who are visiting with multiple grandchildren. If you have ideas, let Amy know. Kindergarten Thanksgiving Performance Mrs. Casey, Mrs. Grimes, Mrs. Niehaus, and Mrs. Oliverio did a great job preparing our kindergartners! Parent-Teacher Conferences A very good turnout from parents and lots of meaningful conversations A HUGE thank you to PTA's Good Cheer Committee for a delicious dinner on Monday and the very heartfelt and touching "bouquets."</p> <p>Some other news to report: Staff Comings and Goings Kristen Niehaus and Liz Dooley are back from maternity leave and Tami Walker is now home with baby Kellen. We are working on a long-term sub for Amanda Luebbe who anticipates being out in late January. We have some good prospects. Recycling has resumed! The District is now contracting with Rumpke for recycling and, as a result, we can now recycle plastic, cans, cardboard, etc in addition to paper. We will be starting a more active recycling program in the lunchroom when we return from winter break and have had our new bins delivered. We hope to use our current student recyclers as "recycling ambassadors" to help educate our student body about the new recycling program. There is now a cost to the District to have community members use our recycling bins. We are exploring ways to communicate this and discourage use of the bins. ACT Aspire testing has continued, with "Interim Assessments" currently being administered Initial student feedback has indicated a need to focus on developing students' keyboarding skills. We have begun a conversation as a building and a District about best practices for doing so. The major challenges are finding time and having enough devices. Administrators and teachers will be analyzing student results in December to determine next steps The December 19 Professional Day is anticipated to provide another positive opportunity for professional learning across buildings including a K-2 and 3-5 workshop on literacy, peer walkthrough training, and opportunities to plan and analyze student data in teams Caring and Sharing was a success! Thank you to all for your generosity.</p>
2014-2015 Executive Committee Reports:		
President	Ann Popp Hours: 100	<p>**Jan 24 - OHHS Girls BB game to support Ovarian Cancer (See Teal Shoot Out) **Distinguished Alum forms will go out in Jan, Due back in Feb **PTA Ed. of the Year are due to me FEB 10. Reminder: the nominee MUST be involved with Springmyer PTA **Once funding is approved by the state, each middle school will have a mental health therapist. The #1 issue with teens is depression. **Oakdale is sending out information about their playground push to get the word out about collecting monies for a much needed new playground **When will K registration be - March -Amy will get back on specifics.</p>
1st Vice President	Raymond Ulrich Jr. */ Amy Childs	<p>We need to confirm that we are planning on doing Stricker's Grove for June 3, 2015 and that everyone understands that we are taking a financial risk not to even break even. ***We have booked The National Theatre for Children for February 26th Thursday - two shows k-2 and 3-5 1 p.m. & 1:30 p.m. ****I have reached out to Western Bowl on options for dates which only include 3 day weekends. Weekends won't get a good response. Maybe check into Scallywag again. *****For 2016 Stricker's Grove is not an option they do no evenings \ Weekdays in May. ***Bookmarks with school logo will be passed out for Spirit Week.</p>
2nd Vice President	Kristi Murphy	2nd VP (fundraising): Total collected - 18,964.09 Total expenses - 2,134.89 Net profit - 16,829.20 Brought in 170.80 less than budgeted
Treasurer	Luann Ulrich 4	Current Balance is \$44,772.06 - \$39,909.35 was previous balance - 3 deposits made were = \$7155.26 - Seventeen withdrawals \$2293.71 Interest paid was \$1.16.
Recording Secretary	Julie Wood 5	
Corresponding Secretary	Jenifer Weber	
Hamilton County Delegate	Laura Kumler	
2013-2014 Committee Reports:		
5th Grade Coordinator	Lori Coleman/ Juli Sedler 12	Balance is \$1158 - Shirt money out. Cornhole Tourney 3-5 grade. January 30th 6-9:30. Sponsor letters are going out. Spring Raffle is going to be in April, maybe around Fine Arts Night to encourage buying. Valgrams will be ready soon and teachers will get the same option as boo grams.
After Prom	Ann Popp	Rent furniture? ISO Couch and bean bag chairs. Do Realtor parents know where we could rent some furniture?
Birthday Board	Tara Jennings —2	
Bridgetown Liaison	Jamie Toon	
Carnival	Kristi Murphy/Jodi McDonald 2	Have been collecting donations from local businesses over past two months. Have just over \$4000 worth of donations to this point. Will be calling companies over the next month that did not respond to letter to follow-up. Will be having public donation collection on January 10, 2015. Donations can be dropped off at Springmyer library. Time TBD. Will also be collecting new or gently used gift bags to use for treasure chest (no bigger than 12"-15") after break. We will be able to take credit card payments this year for raffles/silent auction.
Communications	Terri Marschall 4	
Cub Scouts	Julie Wood 10hours	Last weekend, we sang Christmas Carols and passed out gifts to the residents at Hildebrand Nursing Home. We will be having our annual snow ball fight this week at our pack meeting. New socks are folded up in balls and the kids play against the parents, then the socks are washed and donated. We also collect coats to donate possibly to donate with the mitten project. Our movie night was a great success, hopefully all had fun!
Dance	Amy Emmrich	Nothing to report.
Directory	Terri Marschall	
Enrichment Day	Wendy Marshall/Carlene Murray	It's in May!
Girl Scouts	Tonya Soldano 3	Working on Developing a Legacy program for the girls to do. The two oldest troops would host the project and then pass it down. Something that the girls can do.

Good Cheer	Jodi McDonald/Stephanie Zimmerly 24	Good Cheer: Staff Dinner was a success. Staff were treated to a create your own salad bar including 2 soup choices and dessert. Staff were pleased with the spread which catered to their individual dietary preferences. Ms. Hoepfer assisted in creating "Gratuity Bouquets". Students made flowers with personal notes (of thanks) to teachers and staff. Several teachers made flowers for staff. One small way to show our appreciation for caring for our children. (pictures attached) Staff survey was provided for choices for Holiday Gift (from PTA to staff). Majority of responses prefer \$10 gift card. PTA gave staff \$10.00 to amazon. Looking for suggestions.....local store (Target, Meijer, Walmart) vs online (Amazon)
Handbook	Terri Marschall	
Hospitality	Suzanne Borton 8	Plenty of goodies for 3rd grade and Grandparents night. Encore/band - next...Suzanne needs a helper if you will be there anyway. Serving drinks, goodies will be donated. Kristi will be there.
Labels/Rebates	Jamie Toon	More families participating, check from Kroger yesterday for \$849.
Library Volunteer	Jenifer Weber	
Membership	Niki Mancini/ Kathy Bencurik	
New Family Liaison	Julie Wood	Nothing to report
Oak Hills PTA Advisory	Laura Kumler	
Recycling	Nancy Shockey	Recycling news is great!! We are back to collecting our recyclables and we can now recycle bottles and cardboard, in addition to paper. Student recyclers are again collecting recycling twice per week before school.
Reflections	Dana Martinez 4.5	5 students turned in the Entry Form . 33 entries went through to the next round.
Room Parent Rep	Becky Weinmann	
Secret Santa Shop	Tonya Chaney	The Secret Santa Shop was very successful. Thank you to everyone who helped. We made \$1860.10 and I spent \$1490.59 for a profit of \$369.51. This is approximately \$30 more than last year. There is one large tub of items left in the PTA closet for next year. There are a few spirit wear items I have at my house but I don't know what to do with them. Most are walk-a-thon shirts, a One Hope One Heart shirt, and shirts you get free when you sign up for an intramural sport. I have a bag of small prizes I have been trying to get rid of for three years that I would like to donate to carnival. They include very cheap key chains, tiny hair clips, plastic animals, bookmarks and erasers that were left in the tub before I became Secret Santa chair. The students from Bridgetown and Oak Hills were terrific helpers especially The Oak Hills honor society. Thank you Amy for hooking me up with them.
Spiritwear	Jodi McDonald	Spirit wear "Give Back": Donated spirit wear was collected, washed and given to Secret Santa Workshop. Profits from earlier sales paid for shirts for K Round up, we didn't raise as much as other years but the shirts are a nice touch for K round up if PTA can budget for it. Spirit Wear Sale- nothing scheduled at this time. Next sale to be scheduled sometime between Feb-March.
Teacher Liaison	Beth Phillips	Had a virus that turned into Pneumonia, at home resting after 2 days of work.
OLD BUSINESS:		Sharon Miceli would like to head up DD/MM (teacher survey?). Questions for Sharon - Are you willing to remarket the event bc of the children who can not attend. (ie: VIP event, evening event or weekend event. It was originally brought to PTA attention that children stand outside the door crying, are unable to get focused on work b/c they are upset. This was a major consideration in PTA Board decision. 2) Where will the money to pay for it come from this year? If a vote is made to have the event (a certain number of people must attend and vote) - if it costs more than \$250, Unit has to vote - What event will go not occur in its place? 3) One option is to offer a date and ask for payment this year, but the event will be budgeted for next year. 4) Juli Sedler is contacting a connection at Kroger to get donations. Amy is looking into the possibility of doing one this spring. 5) Another option is to send out a compilation of Pros and Cons and let people vote after reading all the information. 6) Teachers should be polled as well. **Present T-Shirt Ideas- will be voted on by board via email
NEW BUSINESS:		\$25 box sale at Scholastic - if we buy books for literacy night. Is PTA interested in it again? Mrs. Dooley has a \$100 budget for the event.
Also in Attendance:	Julie Franke, Sharon Miceli	
* These minutes will be presented for approval at the January Meeting.		