

**Asbury PTSO Meeting Minutes**  
**April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**Members attending:** Pam Kirk, Laura Navarre, Mary Catel, Alicia FaJohn, Sarah Brunnschweiler, Bridget Stephenson, Sarah Springer, Angie Swanson, Amy Ravel, Jessica Harms, Jeanne Johns, John Urbana, Jennifer Piccolo,

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Committee Actions/Discussions</b>
<p><b>Principal's Report</b> <i>(Pam Kirk/Alicia FaJohn)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There is money available that has been donated for kids to use as scholarships for enrichment programs. Need to discuss with other schools – Pam will contact other schools to see how they handle distribution of this (close to \$1500). Some of the money is for field trips and Balarat, but want to be strategic. Application/essay on the enrichment – draw a picture, maybe have other students decide who should go (no names).</li> <li>- Music programs, talent show coming up</li> <li>- Staffing changes notice will go home next Thursday, along with the new staff that has been hired.</li> <li>- Testing is biggest piece right now – made it through the first week successful.</li> <li>- We will have 3 Kinder classrooms. Kinder at 56 students, general ed, at least 4 more kinder students that aren't registered – normally get 8 to 12 additional kinder kids. Kinder classrooms will all be near current Magoffin/Chapman classrooms and where special ed is downstairs. Upstairs is being re-configured for the in/out small group pull-out. Kinders find out their teachers and this has shown to be successful for retention.</li> <li>- 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher has also been hired in to replace Ms Chapman.</li> <li>- May 16<sup>th</sup> will be the new kinder parent picnic.</li> <li>- Teachers and staff really appreciated the food and support after the recent tragedies. Working on planting a tree and tables in memoriam.</li> <li>- Buddy Bench winner was chosen and will be painted sometime.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Teacher's Report</b> <i>(Sara Brunnschweiler, Amy Ravel, Bridget Stephenson)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 5<sup>th</sup> graders starting to build their slide show for continuation. Very cool for each to do their own 1 to 3 slides.</li> <li>- Talent Show auditions are Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Board Report</b> <i>(Laura Navarre)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A few new potential board members joined the meeting</li> <li>- Election will be Tues, may 3<sup>rd</sup>, only in-person, not on-line.</li> <li>- Committee Chair &amp; volunteer needs – see separate flyer with more info               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communications (Facebook, app, PTSO portion of the website)</li> <li>• Box tops - good incoming role, starter position to get involved</li> <li>• Hospitality – school events (Kinder playdate, field day, open house – PTO table or refreshments). Ann Kaplan is keeping her role where she does an amazing job (now called Staff Appreciation)</li> <li>• Other - Newsletter, Business fund raising, Healthy Asbury, Backpack Program, Parent Education, Student Family Directory, Student Council Liaison, Silent Auction</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Treasurer's Report</b> <i>(Angie Swanson)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Read-a-thon made \$12k on less than \$400 in expenses!!</li> <li>- Dining night out "CRUSHING IT" (quote from Angie) - \$4.3k – Great job Denise Youngquist</li> <li>- Fundraising year to date has netted \$72k! (\$24k total in expenses this year)</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Upcoming Events/Fundraisers</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Want to give a gift to YMCA staff since they volunteer their time for PTSSO; Gina for translation (flowers and gift cards)</li> <li>- School Supply kits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Will round up donation for</li> <li>o Teachers want this and will be so easy for parents!</li> <li>o Deadline for free shipping and sent to the school is June 10<sup>th</sup>, up until Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> but you have to pay for shipping to your house</li> <li>o New Kinder parents will be getting a flyer – include emails when sent to school.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Hands up on Cinco De Mayo – burrito mornings with kids on May 5<sup>th</sup></li> <li>- Field Day is May 20<sup>th</sup>, rain date the 27<sup>th</sup> – need volunteers to pick up &amp; cut oranges.</li> <li>- Red Apple Recycling – through May 5<sup>th</sup> – we get \$\$ for each pound of donations!</li> <li>- Staff appreciation week – May 2-6 – Hospitality committee planning – moving PTSSO sponsored staff happy hour to 5/13 due to Spring Wing on 5/6. Location tbd.</li> <li>- Spring Fling: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Checks are starting to come in, being logged after invitations went out this week – home, teachers, staff. There are extra invitations in the office if you want to mail them to someone – mail to volunteers that are here weekly.</li> </ul> <p><b>Other folks: Anne Rowe School Board, Paul Cashman City Council guy, Jolon Clark</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Silent Auction going well – collecting more stuff, bring your cash!</li> <li>o Food trucks set – two savory and desserts, appetizers, drinks</li> <li>o Boogienauts, DJ and dancing!</li> <li>o Babysitting at Hope Church Provided by the YMCA will be free to parents (will be sending out info to parents on how this should work)</li> <li>o Need to get a Costco card with non-profit status</li> <li>o <b>Stickers for party to put on kids before RSVP deadline</b></li> <li>o <b>Kiss-n-go line to pass out flyers and after school on blacktop, Ticket table on playground the week before event</b></li> <li>o There are no “tickets” – just donation, will accept donations for the same day</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Committee Updates</b></p>	<p>Read-a-Thon:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Considering moving this earlier in the year, but may be tough with Carnival.</li> <li>- Input from group was that it’s best to keep during Dr Seuss’s bday – keep in March.</li> <li>- The 10 min during the day and overall teacher support was REALLY strong – even teachers read during the breaks!</li> <li>- Feathers and charts were great encouragement and kids liked to look for their names throughout the school</li> <li>- About 41% of payments came through Cheddar-up (2% processing fee). Will continue to use for other fundraisers.</li> </ul> <p>Yearbook:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Amy made sure that every child has a picture in the yearbook, obviously along with all the group and fun shots</li> <li>- On sale starting next week \$13 – pre-order cash or check, plus some donations that can happen for families who can’t afford these.</li> <li>- Last year we sold 115, this year we ordered 150, can order more in groups of 50 if necessary (not ready for the summer) but should be fairly safe</li> </ul>

**NEXT MEETING Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6pm**  
**Elect board members, ensure we discuss volunteers and have a night out!**