

Mark Twain Elementary PTA

November 10, 2015

6:30pm

Mark Twain Library

President Adam Cook called the meeting to order at 6:32pm

In attendance were 10 people: Krystal Bonjour, Caroline Olson, Lindsay Kulig, Heather Bagby, Tom Schwerdtfeger (BCSF), Stephanie Baker, Jennifer Swisher, Adam Cook, Jody Wiersema, and Jeremy Bloyd.

Tom Schwerdtfeger from Bettendorf Community School Foundation- Major Saver Cards

The kickoff night for the Major Saver card sales will be in mid-January with the date to be announced. The sales will run roughly 10 days. The cards will include deals and discounts from local businesses. Last year the PTA raised \$451 from sales of these cards.

The Bettendorf Community School Foundation offers grants to schools for things that the district may not have in the budget. Some things they have helped provide in the past include new playground equipment, helping send students to camp, items for the special education rooms such as stand up desks and roller balls, ipads for the classrooms, and the amplification system Mark Twain will be receiving.

Mrs. Olson-Principal's Report.

Conferences are wrapping up and were well attended. The PTA provided Olive Tree for the staff as well as donations from parents for desserts. The Food Drive sponsored by the Student Council will end on November 17th. Mark Twain students donated enough items to earn a school wide celebration! There will be a Veteran's Day Assembly on November 11 at 10am in the gym. All are welcome to attend. Students will perform skits and songs as well as introduce veterans from their family and friends who attend the assembly. On November 16th at 7pm the 5th grade Orchestra will perform at the PAC at BHS. On November 19th at 7pm the 5th grade Band will perform at the PAC at BHS. The school will hold the first of three All Star Ceremonies the morning of November 18th. The All Star Ceremony recognizes 1 student from each classroom nominated by the teachers for extraordinary behavior and use of MTS. The book fair, fall family breakfast and red ribbon run were all a huge success, Thank you!

Krystal Bonjour-Secretary Report/Directory Update

Minutes were approved from the October 13th meeting.

Directory forms were sent home at conference time, all families wishing to be included have been added. Directories will be finalized soon. It was discussed to look into other options for the directory in the future due to low participation.

Stephanie Baker-Treasurer Report.

Stephanie provided an updated spreadsheet of the budget.

Scholastic book fair raised over \$3000, PTA received 50% back in scholastic dollars. PTA will look into how to spend the scholastic dollars to benefit the students at the school. Some of the money was used to purchase the remainder of the teacher wish lists.

Movie night is November 20th featuring "Inside Out". PTA will be selling popcorn, candy, chips and water.

Winter Sing-December 18th. PTA will seek donations of desserts to have again this year.

Fun Fest- April 29th. PTA is in need of a committee to plan and organize this event. If there are not enough volunteers Fun Fest cannot be held. Information on how to sign up to volunteer for this committee will be going home via email and the take home folders.

All students and staff will be receiving t-shirts this year provided by the PTA. The design has been finalized and these will be processed soon.

President Adam Cook adjourned the meeting at 8:08pm

Prepared by: Krystal Bonjour-Secretary