

The Dowd's School PTO met on September 14th, 2010. President Judy Fisher welcomed everyone. Introductions were made; given that several new members were in attendance Judy went over how the PTO meetings are typically held. A motion was made and approved by all of the May 2009 meeting minutes. Although there was no treasure report, the current balance was given and is \$17,213.33.

A description of each program that is offered throughout the year was given

Fundraiser

This year's fundraiser has started. It will end on September 21st. Clarification was given on the silly bands for every 3 items sold the child receives 1 silly band. This is the only take home fundraiser we have, to support all of our events that we sponsor throughout each school year. This is a great fundraiser for us, given that 53% of the sales goes back to the school. The company pays for all prizes, limos etc. Volunteers are needed for unpacking the truck and distribution of the items.

Box Tops

The PTO receives money for all box tops turned in; collection boxes are in each classroom. Rebecca Kennard is the Chairperson.

Soup Labels

Each class will have a head parent, which is responsible in getting all the soup labels gathered up for that classroom and getting them to the soup label chairperson. The PTO gives the credits earned from soup labels to Mr. D to purchase gym equipment. Jessica Nye is the Chairperson.

Book Fair

This year's book fair date has yet to be decided, again this year the \$1.00 books will be distributed to the kids as needed. If you would like to volunteer to help with this please let the chairperson Andrea Moyer know.

Carnival

This is held in the spring and preferably outside, PTO has plenty of prizes left over from last year, and the new games from last year will be able to be utilized this year. More details about the carnival will be announced as the date gets closer. Desearae Gray is the Chairperson.

Fun Day

This event is held at the end of school year, PTO supplies the games and activities which include; dunk tank, inflatable's, cotton candy, sno cones, popcorn etc. More details about the Fun Day will be announced as the date gets closer

Teacher Appreciation

This is held once a month, it consists of a couple of parents each month bringing in a few different things depending on the idea. Mr. Walker sets the date for this each month and it can consist of anything from breakfast to chocolate day and wraps up with a year end luncheon. Janelle Schartiger is the Chairperson.

Teacher Requests

Kindergarten

Mrs. Finn representing the kindergarten classes, explained their first planned field trip is going to be to Wayne's Country Market in October, parents will pay \$3.00 per child, Mrs. Finn is requesting that PTO pays for bussing and for any child that the parents can not afford the \$3.00. Mrs. Finn explained pending field trips, a suggestion was made for them to be tabled for now until, the completion of the fundraiser and the results. Edna Karnes made a motion for approval and Kim Geary second it.

1st Grade

The 1st field trip that 1st graders will be going on is to the Gorman Nature Center to learn about Bats, there is no admission cost to this, so they are asking PTO to cover the bussing.

Mr. Walker has arranged for the 1st graders to see Junie B Jones November 9th at the Renaissance, cost is \$3.50 per child, parents will be asked to pay \$3.00 and PTO is being asked to cover the bussing and the additional .50 per child
A motion was made for approval by Adrianna Mayer and seconded by Deserae Gray

2nd Grade

The 2nd grade kids typically participate in swim lessons at the YMCA, classes are taught by 4 YMCA lifeguards. Price on average runs \$15-\$20 per student and bussing is right around \$1000.00. For the past few years a grant from the Shelby Foundation has been available, but may not be available this year. PTO strongly promotes this due to the area we live in with the pools and reservoirs. PTO will discuss this more as it gets closer, and more information is made available in regards to the grant.

3rd Grade

Teachers with 3rd grade are requesting for PTO to pay for bussing to go to Morton School and tour some of Shelby's history landmarks. Deserae Gray made a motion to approve and Abby seconded it.

4th Grade

The 4th graders will be going to COSI; this is a great opportunity for our 4th graders since they practically have the entire building to themselves. Parents will be asked to pay the \$4.00 per child and PTO is being asked to pay for bussing. Given that this is a long day and out of town field trip the bussing is costly, the question was raised about car pools Mr. Walker explained people could not car pool, due to the fact that kids are not allowed to ride with other parent's or volunteer's. A motion was made by Janelle Schartiger for approval and seconded by Kim Geary.

Andrea made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Adrienne.