Somers Elementary PTO Meeting – February 16th, 2010

Attendees: Laurie Bauman, Stephanie Christenson, Nichole Escota, Sue Gutormsen, Melissa Ropiak, Deb Schaefer, Ruthana Spany, Sheri Tudjan, JoAnn Vandermyde, & Michelle Waller

The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm by Michelle Waller.

President's Report: Presented by Michelle Waller
*There will be open PTO positions coming up for a vote this Spring. Some committee chairpersons will need someone to shadow them in the next school year as they become parents of fifth grade students.
*We are exploring new ways to make the make the PTO meeting more efficient – possibly beginning at 6:00pm?

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Melissa Ropiak
*Beginning available check book balance is $32,788.86.
*See attached detailed budget report.

Spending Proposal: Presented by Michelle Waller
*The Spending Committee reviewed a proposal for a PTO vote. It was for $5,500 for half of the cost of the Pegaus Webscape Activity Net for the playground. JoAnn Vandermyde made a motion and Stephanie Christenson seconded. All present were in favor. We also voted to carry over money to the General Fund. JoAnn Vandermyde made a motion and Stephanie Christenson seconded. All present were in favor.

What's Up at Somers: Presented by Deb Schaefer
*March 2nd will be the beginning of breakfast service at Somers Elementary. It will begin at 7:25am.
*Roller Skating begins the week of February 22nd.
*Read Across America will be on March 10th.
*Sheriff’s Safety Poster Contest coming up for the 4th grade. There will be one winner from each class.

Market Day: Presented by Michelle Waller
*Next Market Day will be 3/3. We need volunteers from 3:00-5:30pm

Book Fair: Presented by Michelle Waller
*The next buy one get one “BOGO” book fair is March 19th-26th in 2010 from 8:00-3:00pm. March 22nd will be Jammies, Read and Relax night from 5:00-7:00pm. March 24th the book fair closes at 2:00pm.

Family Activities: Presented by Sheri Tudjan
*2/19 Sock Hop
*3/20 Bowling at Gutormsens
*3/25 Dinosaur Discovery Museum 5:30-7:30 $10 per family
*4/25 Ice Skating at Ice Plex
*5/1 Student Council Rummage Sale
*5/21 Action Territory
*Need to decide on another movie night.

Fundraising: Presented by Michelle Waller and Laurie Bauman
*We need to decide at the March PTO meeting if we will have an auction in the next school year.
*We need to discuss other fundraising ideas at the March PTO meeting as well.

Chat and Chew: Presented by Sheri Tudjan
*3/23 Science Night
*4/27 Internet Safety
*5/11 5th graders moving on to Bullen
**Other/Around the Table:**
*Ruthann Spaay discussed beginning a chess club at Somers. We discussed excessive student waste in the lunchroom and how to communicate to the students not to waste their lunch.*

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM by Michelle Waller.

Minutes Approved By: [Signature] 3/5/10