

## MINUTES

Seventh District Elementary PTA

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October 10, 2023 | 6:01pm  
General Meeting

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### In Attendance

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Heather Denmyer, Maura Simms, Emily Fogle, Karen Skelley, Kallista Boeckmann, Michelle Milam, Cathy Horton, Jennifer Duftler, Travis Knox, Kelly Murphy, Kristian Caswell, Sonia Talbott, Becky Burrs, Nikki McGinnis

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### BOARD

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Maura Simms, President; Karen Skelley, Vice-President; Michelle Milam, Vice-President; Emily Fogle, Secretary; Britt Fischer, Secretary; Kallista Boeckmann, Treasurer

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**Call to order:** Maura Simms

Approval of previous minutes- Karen S. made a motion to approve the minutes from May 9, 2023. Michelle M. seconded the motion.

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### Treasurer's Report (Kallista)

- Will be switching the books over to Quickbooks.
  - So far we have earned more in donations and memberships than we had earned this time last year.
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### Principal's Report (Heather Denmeyer)

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- The teachers have been doing an excellent job of implementing the new HMH curriculum for ELA.
  - We have many upcoming clubs, including: Robotics and STEM Club which will be run by Ms. Hullmann and Ms. Staines, Book Club which will be run by Ms. Duftler and Ms. Salata, Live News which will be run by Ms. Murphy and Ms. Warner, and Art Club run by Ms. Goodman.
  - We also have many upcoming field trips, Pumpkin Science, and the Book Character Parade. Parents will be invited to attend the parade, weather permitting.
  - Our schoolhouse has made a dedicated decision to focus on making all students feel considered and comfortable and welcome. We will be working towards renovating our playgrounds to be more inclusive and accessible for all students. We will also be working towards fencing the primary playground that faces York Rd. The PTA and possibly the Seventh District Rec Council will partner with the school to fundraise.
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### New Business/Motions (Maura Simms)

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- Kelly Murphy- The teachers would like to order bins from Amazon to organize the math manipulatives that are used by all of the math classes throughout the school, so that

they can be more easily accessible to teachers. The price for the bins is \$289.41. The PTA can use funds from the Classroom Enrichment category of the budget for this purpose. Emily F. made a motion to approve paying \$289.41 for the bins. The motion was seconded by everyone.

- The Seventh District Rec Council will be funding the replacement of the basketball hoops in the gym, pending the appropriate approvals and special project requests, etc. They could possibly also help with other ideas, such as replacing the wooden picnic tables by the playground.
- Membership and Donations- We currently have 44 parent memberships and 13 teachers/staff. There have been a good number of generous direct donations as well.

### **Committee Reports/Upcoming Events**

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- Craft Fair- Emily- Vendors from previous fairs have been contacted and a good number have already signed up. Fliers will be going out soon to the classrooms and to distribute in the community. This year we will be allowing local businesses to set up in the hallway outside of the gym (with no vendor fee) to advertise for their business or organization. So far we have two interested businesses and a girl scout troop. We are looking for a food vendor for this year. Michelle M. contacted Blue Star Farm about including us on their holiday event graphics and posts on Facebook.
- Plant Sale- Emily- We will be doing our annual Holiday Plant Sale through Whitehouse Nursery. Orders are due by November 15th and plant pickup will be at the Craft Fair! Fliers going out this week. Orders will be placed through Memberhub.
- Book Fair- Maura- Book Fair will take place from 10/30-11/3. Setup will take place on the 27th. Volunteers are needed! Preview days will be Monday and Tuesday, Buy days will be Wednesday and Thursday, and Friday will be makeup day for anyone who missed out and clean up day. The fair will be cashless like last year. E Wallet information will go home to parents. Desserts with Dads will be on 11/1 and will be called Donuts with Grown Ups.
- Fall Fest- Maura- Nichole Smith is running Fall Fest as usual and this year she is bringing back the pumpkin decorating contest and costumes! There will be a DJ and games with cash only ticket sales for games. If the weather doesn't cooperate, the event will move into the gymnasium/cafeteria.
- Sweetheart Dance- Sonia and Becky- The dance will take place on February 9 from 6-9 PM. The permit has been submitted and there will be plenty of time for setup because there is no school that day.
- Fundraising ideas were discussed, such as the return of the Snack Shack, the possibility of a one time, independently run "fun run", and a used book sale.
- Upcoming Dates: Moe's orders due 10/23 with pickup on 10/24 between 5:30-6:30, Fall Fest-10/28, Book Fair- 10/30-11/3, Chik Fila Spirit Night- 11/20, Dough Run and Woodfire in December.

This meeting was adjourned at 7:08 PM

***Next PTA Meeting: Tuesday, November 114th at 6:00 pm***