

BPTO Meeting
March 18, 2010
Bentonville Administration Office

Attendance: Julie Knight, President; Becky Koonce, Secretary; Jennifer Loukota, Treasurer; Keri Letson, RE Baker; Teri Fogarty, Cooper; Shannon Mitchell, Cooper; Sara Helton, Mary Mae Jones; Gary Compton, Superintendent; Kristen Black, BHS; Rebecca Powers, Lincoln Jr. High; Kerry Nelson, Vice President.

Julie Knight, President called the meeting to order at 8:50

A motion by Keri Letson was made to approve the minutes from the November 2009 BPTO. The motion was seconded by Shannon Mitchell. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer report – Beginning Balance 01/21/10 \$1,422.77
Deposits 500.00 (Kimberly Clark-After Prom)
Disbursements (500.00) (BHS After Prom)
Ending Balance 03/18/10 \$1,422.77

Rebecca Powers made the motion to approve the financial statement. Sarah Helton seconded the motion. The financial statement was approved.

Guest Speaker: Dr. Compton

- School Administration doing 1st scholarship – their criteria is for student to show 2 years of improvement
- Dr. Compton has announced not extending his contract. Contract to end June 2012. Nothing to this – he feels ready to try something new.
- Millage campaign up and going. Working to getting information to vested voters who are attached directly to schools. There is a committee that has been working on getting the word out through Tuesday folders and mailing information. Another committee working on non-vested voters. There is a feeling of encouragement. Election is April 13th. The millage will provide much needed support financially – repairs, new additions to existing buildings (TJ & Sugar Creek).
- Chik-Fil-A fundraiser for Millage Campaign – Friday, March 19th. Store manager Mark Huffard manager – very supportive of our community and schools.

Old Business – Focus Groups with the law firm – Cooper 1st in line, tonight is session (3 participants).

New Business

- Nominating committees at PTSs need to be formed, 30 days before your last pto meeting. The VP is on committee as well as two other people. BPTO will form a nominating committee and provide slate. You can present at your last meeting and vote on same day.
- Parent leadership training – parents are trained in schools. Julie Knight attended a conference in Little Rock for the state to help encourage more volunteers in the school system. Each principal has been asked for 2 representatives (training coordinators) – training will be at the end of April/first of May. Purpose is hoping to encourage those who don't normally step up to volunteer. We are progressive ptos when compared to others in the state.

- Kristen Black – scholarships at high school turned in. Mr. Jones, BHS Scholarship Director, would like all school representatives who look at personal information/financial information sign the confidentiality contract. It is a federal act. Suggested we send it out PDF to scholarship committees this year. In the years to come, it was suggested that Mr. Jones include contract in scholarship packet and ask committee members sign and return when packets are returned to scholarship office. Discussion ensued regarding PTOs wanting to know who is getting scholarships so that one student doesn't get multiple scholarships. Is there a way for schools to network to find out – coordinate through one individual? Possibly bring all the president back together prior to due date to coordinate the recipients. Julie and Kristen would visit with Mr. Jones.
- Audit committee for each PTO needs to be formed and consist of 3 members - no board members.

School Reports

- **Thomas Jefferson** – Celebrating 50th year on April 23rd. We are inviting all alumni to come and help us celebrate. March 18th is their Walk-A-Thon.
- **Mary Mae Jones** – Kick off candy bar sales tomorrow. Candy bars arrive on 29th. Pancake breakfast moved further out – April 17th. Businesses have donated for silent auction.
- **Apple Glen** – no report
- **Elm Tree** – Art Auction will be held April 9th; Fundraiser with the NWA Naturals on Sunday, May 23rd.
- **Baker** – yard sale in parking lot; sell booths to allow parents to sell.
- **Central Park** – no report
- **Cooper** – Chris Cakes pancake fundraiser completed. The pto was not as pleased with this fundraiser – did not make as much money as prior year; Chris Cake charges you for each plate used; they did not have sponsors so did not make as much money. Charged \$7 for parent/\$5 per child. Carnival fundraiser made \$5000. Money going to used to bring in Mad Scientist for all classes. Remainder of money to library.
- **BHS** – After Prom is 4/24 from 11 pm-2 am. A safe environment for students to attend following the prom. Scholarship committee assisted scholarship director in distributing completed applications to community. Prom and Graduation next big events.
- **Springhill** – great fundraiser last one. Done w/fundraising.
- **Lincoln** – 8th grade picnic coming up; PTO raised \$4000 for Ms Peterson to use at school. PTO is in need of a treasurer for next year. Anyone coming/attending Lincoln next year interested in filling this position – please contact Rebecca Powers (rebeccaspowers@cox.net)

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted
 Becky Koonce
 BPTO Secretary