**Karen Acres PTO Minutes**

**Tuesday, September 1, 2015**

* Meeting was held at Karen Acres Elementary - Media Center
* PTO President Angela Mills called to order at 6:32 p.m.
* PTO Members and parents in attendance: Megan Daughenbaugh, Alicia Summers, Harley Summers, Amy Murphy, Boomer Benning, Michelle Benning, Scott Hunt, Jennifer Huber, Alesha Stensrud, Rachel Kent, Heather Beaton, Annie Uetz, Nicole Berger, Miriam Hager, Sarah Cabildo, Melissa Gray, Mindee Argotsinger, Angela Mills
* School Staff in Attendance: Lara Justmann, Principal

**Secretary’s Report**

Minutes from 8/11/2015 were approved. Minutes are posted on the Facebook KA PTO page and it was discussed to have them emailed out to parents.

**Treasurer’s Report**

The Back to School Carnival and picnic earned $1,395, less $738 in expenses resulting in $656 in profit for the PTO.

**Principal’s Report**

Mrs. Justmann let everyone know she emailed a schoolwide newsletter out and all of her news can be found in there. She will continue to submit a newsletter to parents to keep everyone updated on what is happening at KA.

Parent Info night to be held Thursday, 9/10/15 where teachers are there to speak to parents directly. Mrs. Justmann will also present and parents can ask questions. There are repeat sessions so that parents can try to attend and the information will be available for those who cannot attend.

Larson construction was awarded the bid to do the KA renovations. October is the current timeline to begin.

**President’s Report**

Angela Mills reported the t-shirt orders have so far totaled 59 = $959 with orders coming.

A PO was created for $600 to Broken Arrow for Parents/Jhawks/staff to get order right away and will be sent to district to reconcile.

Update on Activities

Angela and Megan asked for feedback on Back to School carnival/picnic.

Parents discussed putting money table up front instead of in back and having more activities for older kids. The idea of doing a cake walk was discussed at length. Snow cone machine made about $300 so it was thought to be a good investment.

Presidents thanked all volunteers.

The Presidents would like to start binder of all activities with notes, costs, etc. Asked for volunteers to do this.

Co-President Megan Daughenbaugh discussed the upcoming Readathon. Want to beef it up from last year and will give students 2 full weeks and 3 weekends to collect pledges.

Oct 2nd 6:30-8pm will be the kickoff and reading under the stars in gym. It will feature a  campground scene and invite families with sleeping bags. Megan asked for volunteers to be at the kickoff, tally, and collect money. Get Staples to donate copies again? Discussion on food/concessions and whether to charge to cover costs. Packets come home 9/14 or 9/11.

Angela discussed the upcoming Homecoming Parade. Want to have KA float in parade and the theme will be KA Pride. Angela asked for volunteers to walk or drive? Will send a Bring It link for candy donations. Lineup is at 5:45 and parade at 6. Sending reminders to have volunteers and students wear KA shirts preferably.

September 16th is JHawk Elementary mile. The kids run a mile on the bike trail for a medal and PTO would like to have more students from KA by promoting it within school and coordinating with running club.

Angela discussed Box Tops. Students will be collecting inside classroom this year and will compete against each other. Need volunteers and suggestions on getting collection boxes into local business, churches, senior center, etc. Rachel Kent will be heading up the Box Top collection. Parents can go on the box top website to get more rewards. Will try to get volunteers to help cut box tops. $2000 is the goal this year. Adding Campbell’s soup and Tyson Chicken labels. Red Robin and Target were also mentioned as businesses who will give a percentage of sales to schools.

Restaurant  Night - September 15th and Amy Murphy was securing Sam and Louie's.

Healthiest state walk will be held during the school day at 2:45 for a half hour on October 7th. Need parent volunteers. KA is challenging other elementaries to participate.

**Open Discussion**

Boomer Benning said he would try to get Shottenkirk Chevy to donate vehicle for parade.

Suggestions were made about getting kids excited for parade and to have them make posters.

**Next meeting**

Next meeting will be held on October 6th at 6:30 p.m. with special guest speaker Steve Bass, Superintendent.

Mrs. Justmann said starting in November teachers will be coming to speak at PTO meetings.

**Meeting Adjourned**

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

PTO Secretary

Nicole Berger