

Beech Tree PTA Minutes
November 12, 2015

With approximately 15 people present, PTA President Michelle Whitecar called the meeting to order.

MOTION: Approve the October minutes. Passed unanimously.

Michelle gave a brief overview of the current budget. We currently have about \$11,000 in the bank. Spending is running below what has been budgeted so far.

Communications: new website is up and running at beechtreepta.com (not .org).

Mini-grants: 3 applications pending (Jenkins, Natalie, Skrtic) - \$832 total combined. MOTION: approve the 3 requests. Passed unanimously.

Budget request: Beech Tree's running groups, Young Men in Motion & Girls on the Go, each have requested money for club t-shirts. Neither group submitted a budget request previously (in part because they were not contacted by the PTA because they have not had a separate line item for a couple of years. After much discussion of the pros and cons of potentially spending up to \$600 on shirts, Julie Tilmon said that she would work with the coaches and look into community donations for t-shirts or other supplies (running stores, etc.). As a result, the members decided to table the request for now.

Membership update: 111 members have joined, plus we have received an additional in \$80 donations.

Spirit wear: has all been delivered for the fall. Approximately \$100 in profit. Michael Owens is going to look into a different vendor for next time.

Odyssey of the Mind: 13 kids have signed up; we'll have 2 teams. Competition is March 12.

Room Parents: We have all but 3 classes covered. Aneta sent an email to all room parents yesterday. Next year, Aneta will also recruit for Wednesday folders.

Beech Tree 5K: Coming soon! Heather has everything lined up. Will need lots of volunteers the day of the race - will do a sign up genius. We have a volunteer to be Chips.

Box Tops: We collected \$184.60 in the first round. The class "competition" continues. Remember to relink your Harris Teeter VIC card! (4085) Michael will look into linking at other grocery stores, Target, Amazon, etc.

SCA food drive 11/30-12/16: beneficiary is Food for Others.

Fundraising:

Dogfish Head fundraiser is booked for Sept. 2016 - 15% of all food sales for the day

Michael suggested doing a fundraiser which involves collecting old shoes; a charity picks them up and pays a flat rate per pair. Will consider doing for the fall.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36.