

HighMark PTSO Mtg.
January 13, 2015 – 6:30pm
Minutes

Call to Order –
Attendance-

Treasury Report –

- Treasurer handed out Budget to everyone.
- Went over Read-a-thon numbers.

Minutes –

- Minutes were tabled to be approved in February Meeting.

SBO -

- No SBO's present
- We will get the cookies for the STOMP.

Modern Woodman of America Fraternal Financial- Jonathan

- We are very thankful Modern Woodman was able to match our \$2,500. This donation has made it possible for us to reach our goal to purchase the LCD Screen.
- He would like us to spread the word about the company, so they can continue to donate to our school. Mrs. Jones is the person who made this contact possible. Thank you Mrs. Jones! For more information on this wonderful company please visit their Website <http://www.modern-woodmen.org> or contact Jonathon Ostler 801-745-7377
 - Modern Woodmen was founded by Joseph Cullen Root in 1883 in Lyons, Iowa. Our home office is located in Rock Island, Ill.
 - As a fraternal benefit society, we are not-for-profit, have a representative form of government and have a system of local chapters.
 - Serving more than 770,000 members, Modern Woodmen is the nation's third largest fraternal benefit society.
 - Approximately 450 people are employed at the Rock Island home office. Modern Woodmen has regional offices in 47 states, and employs more than 1,600 financial representatives.
 - Modern Woodmen has \$36 billion of life insurance in force.
 - Modern Woodmen has \$13.4 billion in assets.
 - Modern Woodmen was given an A+ (Superior) rating from A.M. Best, the second highest of 15 ratings.

Read – a- thon

- It was a great success.
- There was a story teller and all the students loved that.
- The chair committee mentioned that she did want to have another read a thon this year.
 - The principal will talk to the teachers and see if this is possible.

- Also explain the pledges a little more clearly for students to understand. Have teachers be more verbal.
- Also next time maybe include Junior High Students.
- We will discuss and see if this was a great time of the year for the read-a-thon. Maybe next year change the date.

Spelling Bee

- Have already asked all the teachers for the spelling list.
- We do have a parent who is interested in helping with this event.
- The Budget for the spelling bee is \$200.00
- Prizes will include medals, trophies, and ribbons.
- By the next meeting we will have a Schedule and Rules ready.
- We are not doing this on a national level. It will just be our school and we will see how it goes.
- This will be done by grade level and each class will have 3 finalist. The finalist will be the ones to compete in the Spelling Bee.
- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places will include Snack Shack Gift Certificates.

We are HighMark

- This event is cancelled.
- Next year just brain storm more ideas to get this going.

Junior High Speech Contest

- The principal mentioned that there will be a Speech Contest in Junior High later this year. It goes better with the school mission.
- We will move \$100.00 to the Speech Contest for prizes. Julie Motioned 1st, Mandy 2nd, Motioned Passed.

Principal Update

- Yearbooks are for sale right now online. The deadline will be the end of March 2015.
- There is a school newspaper. There has only been one published so far. They are trying to publish.
- We asked the principal if the SBO's had raised the money for the benches. The principal said they have not raised it all yet. The SBO's will be doing a fundraiser of their own. It will include bringing in spare change. Each teacher has signed up to do something silly/fun if the goal has been met. One of the administration has signed up to eat a goldfish. Another teacher (male) said they would wax their legs.
- There is a plan to see if the retention pond right next to the school can be opened up. This way students have some extra space to play on. Maybe even plant some trees. The principal is working with the city to get this done.
- The Baseball is still a work in progress. There will be a Baseball and Softball team this school year.

Concerns / News-

- Snack is doing great.
- Popcorn Machine - If the popcorn machine is being used it needs to be cleaned out. Because the popcorn stays in there and will go bad.

- We will make a sign to remind people to clean the machine. Not just the inside but also around the machine and the floor.
- If there is any popcorn left. Just bag it and leave it out for teachers.
- The PTSO would like to write a thank you letter to parents for all their support.

Upcoming Events –

- Spelling Bee – 2/19/15 1-3pm
- Dr. Seuss Day

Meeting Adjourned at 7:33pm. Next meeting will be held February 10, 2015 @ 6:30pm