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**Crooked Lake PTO Minutes – May 23, 2017**

Chairperson Trish Gunville called the meeting to order at 6:40.

* Welcome and introductions – 12 in attendance

**Officers’ Reports**

**Chair Trish Gunville**

* Staff Appreciation Update
	+ May 1-5
	+ Teachers/ Staff enjoyed the week, cookie drop in mailboxes, massages by Dr. Lance Maki, raffle for Stamp it Up! Kit (donated by Rachel Tessman) won by Heather Jacobson from A+
* P.E. Fun Day and Dunk Tank report
	+ Thurs. May 18 – cold and windy but all had fun, teachers reported they heard no complaints about the weather. Many volunteers helped, Dan Arnston did a great job getting it all together and practicing for events during gym class time.
	+ Thank you to teachers who volunteered to sit in the dunk tank – they were great sports and really got into it!
	+ Consider three volunteers next year – besides a money-taker and a ball-getter, could use help with line management so the line doesn’t creep too far forward. Barb Boekhoff suggested asking the 5th Grade “All Stars” for help with the dunk tank

**Co-Chair Gretchen Jerskey**

* Request to think about ideas over the summer PTO could do next school year, email the board (contact info on Crooked Lake PTO page)
* Didn’t ask Robyn for her updates, but teachers suggested reaching out to her before summer break, to find out any needs parents can assist with over the summer – picking up gender-neutral clothes all sizes, etc. Teachers commented how relieved kids feel when they can access spare clothes from Robyn
* Feedback about the lost and found – teachers appreciated how this was handled this year, and liked pictures and updates Kimberly Carr’s posted on CLS Parents Facebook page, felt the cadence was effective.

**Treasurers Michele Behnke-Nead and Amie Beckel**

* Insurance for next year to be paid this week
* Michele reserved bouncies for Community Picnic (Thurs. Sep. 21, 5-7pm) and sent them a check.
* Question about funds approved for playground improvements… will the school be using the full $3,500? Julie Bohman confirmed yes, that amount will cover painting the 100 grid and a new round globe piece of equipment. There is an additional piece, a teeter totter-type piece, which the school was able to fund. Equipment installation and painting to be done this summer.
* Treasurer’s report approved
* $1,297.06 balance of working capital which cannot be carried over to 2017-18 school year
* Discussion about ways to allocate remaining money, including a rock painting project to coincide with kindness – you are unique- messaging, past request for T-shirts for all students, etc. Noted that 2018 is Crooked Lake’s 50th anniversary, would be nice to do something to commemorate. Tabled discussion until later in agenda.

**Secretary’s report** from April not available - will review and approve in September.

**Principal’s Report: Mr. Sam Anderson:**

* Encouraged all to follow some school- and district- related Twitter handles:
#AHSchools, #FitfortheFuture, #SamyanderCL
	+ CL would like to use twitter more, as a way for parents to see what is going on in the building
* Yearbooks are here, probably will be coming out this week. Andrea, the library para took on doing the yearbook and did a fabulous job.
* P.E. Fun Day
	+ Grateful for all the volunteers, kids had a great time

**Mrs. Julie Bowman:**

* Thanks for the ability to utilize the Angel Fund – had opportunity to use it recently, and grateful for this safety net.

**Staff Report: Ms. Boekhoff, Mrs. Ledin**

* Wondering if PTO planned to acknowledge Greg Mattson on his retirement, all he’s done to support PTO events? (we’ve acknowledge/thanked staff involved w/events)
* Ms. Boekhoff happy to email minutes out to all staff after PTO meetings, thinks it’s helpful for staff to get notes first-hand
* Mrs. Ledin grateful for a great year representing teachers at PTO

**Volunteer Coordinator’s Report: Ms. Candie Hansen**

* 5th Grade Farewell – volunteer slots have all been filled
* Busy getting chaperones set for year-end field trips
* Working on getting the following in place before the end of the school year:
	+ Folder stuffer volunteers (2 volunteer leads, slots are filled)
	+ Few current 4th graders willing to be student greeters at kindergarten open house in Aug.
	+ Picture day volunteers set for Sept.
* Volunteer database will be wiped and beginning Aug. 1 Candie can start populating the database for the 17-18 school year.
* Closing books on 2017: 399 volunteers logged 4,700 hours!

**Old Business**

* Long Lake Field Trip: Great trip, kids loved it, students received high school-level instructions on ecology and conservation. 36 parents volunteered for the trip, also thought the kids did great and got a lot out of it.
* Michele Behnke-Nead read a note from Kelly Stowell, who manages the Angel Fund, to report in general how they were able to distribute the funds. $200 went toward Target gift cards for families in need, $100 toward medical expenses, clothes, Pull-ups, etc. At the beginning of the year, the fund started at $900, and at April, around $400 is remaining.

**New Business:**

* **Anti-Bullying Update**
	+ Sam reported on the 4th grade bullying survey, and Crooked Lake had positive outcomes, notably,
		- “How often have you been bullied in the last month?” – 98.1% of our students replied “Never.”
		- “Have you ever bullied someone?” – 92.7% said they have never bullied anyone.
		- School bus, cafeteria, recess are the places bullying occurs, and this is happening with less frequency.
		- Crooked Lake is 2nd to the top school with no bullying reported on the playground
		- Report will be posted here: <http://www.ahschools.us//site/Default.aspx?PageID=30522> (will be available soon, for now last year’s survey is available.)
* **Decision on how to execute remaining funds** for 2016-17 School year proposed. Motion to allocate half of the $1,297.06 ($648.53) to the Angel Fund and half to the Lunch fund. Motion seconded and passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.