**Meeting Minutes**

**Crooked Lake PTO**

**Tues. Jan. 23, 2018**

**Crooked Lake Elementary Computer Lab**

1. **Call to order**

* 9 in attendance

1. **Officers’ Reports**

**Gretchen Jerskey, Chair**

**World Wear Project Interest?** Opportunity to collect shoes as a small fundraiser. Discussed, decided to leave it, focus instead on the single fundraiser for next year.

**Staff Appreciation Dinner:** Set for Wed. Feb. 21, will be catered, might need help with sides, will create Sign-up if needed.

**Carnival:** Sat. April 7, 11am to 2pm. Carnival committee to start meeting soon, have open chairperson slots, please reach out to parents who might be a good fit for this committee.

**5th Grade Party:** Thank you Betsy Johnson for stepping up to chair this event!

**Trish Gunville, Secretary** (not present, minutes prepared by Jerskey)

Approved minutes from Dec. meeting

**Amie Beckel, Treasurer**

**Treasurer’s Report:** Balance is $14,891.63,   
$3,682 is available for funding requests.

Treasurer’s report voted and approved.

**Fundraising Committee for next year:** Decision to keep fundraising in house for next school year. Actively seeking parents to be on this committee. Candie will do a database pull of people interested in fundraising. Amie creating a flyer to solicit volunteers, for distribution at conferences. Will need to ramp up over the summer. Will be requesting start-up funds for fundraiser.

1. **New Business:**

Destination Imagination update: Marissa Carroll is leading the Crooked Lake team this year and provided an update. Challenge this year is scientific, unlikely location, taking a ride that would happen in an unusual location. Students will have to explain three different scientific concepts. Seven 4th grade students are participating, teachers chose.

**Funding request** for alcohol/tobacco program for 4th grade. In the budget already, voting not required.

**Funding request** from Stacy Johnson, 5th grade classes, busing to Fort Snelling & State Capitol, compliments Social Studies curriculum, for $500. Voted and approved.

**Funding request** for $2,000 by fundraising committee to use as start-up costs. Voted and approved.

**Carnival:** Revisit date (Sat. April 7), there are some conflicts on the committee. If date changes, let Candie know ASAP. Note that proms impact volunteers from High Schools. Andover Prom is May 17, Blaine is May 5, and Anoka is Apr. 28.

1. **Staff Reports**

**Sam Anderson, Principal/ Julie Petersen, Admin Intern**

* Candie is retiring as VSC, position is posted. Staff gathered this morning to wish her well.
* Box Tops: school received $394 from the last collection
* I love to read coming up in February, distributed the calendar
* Author Josh Merchant will be at school Feb. 15 and 16, thank you PTO for funding this
* Book Fair is Feb. 15-22 during conferences
* Jump rope for heart starts Feb. 7, there will be an intro assembly and students will start collecting after that. Students will jump rope during PE Feb. 28 – March 6.
* Great turnout for citizenship tonight.
* School bus poster due end of January.
* Reminder that kids should dress for the weather, recess is outside unless it is 0 to -10 windchill
* Polar Plunge is Sat. Feb. 24, 1pm, in Crooked Lake (as in the lake!) Teachers & Staff are participating, also Andover Fire, Anoka Sheriff. Fundraiser for Special Olympics, Anoka County.

**Teachers (Sheila Stransky, Maureen Ledin)**

* Conferences coming up in February, grades 2-5 are shortening from 30 minutes to 20 minutes conference slots
* Almost finished with MAP testing
* Teachers are thrilled with the funding requests, huge thank you.
* Fundraising – teachers feel that whatever we do about fundraising next year, they will roll with the punches.

**Candie Hansen, Volunteer Coordinator**

* Have enjoyed working with PTO, will miss everyone.

1. **Adjourned at 7:45 pm.**