

Greywolf PTA 1.4.40  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
15 September 2014

**Meeting called to order: 3:36 pm, Greywolf Library**

**In attendance/ Introductions:** Dede Bessey, JoElle Munger, Kate Treece, Rebecca Bratsman, Ken Brillhart, Teresa Geer, Emily Ellefson, Alex Ogilvie, Shellea Wolfe, Asta Bonheyo, Seema White, Donna Hudson, Dena Riccobene

**Appointments to Chair positions:**

Membership chair- Asta Bonheyo

Easy Money chair- Caitlin Sundin

Book Fair co-chairs- Maribeth Stewart, Dena Riccobene

Holiday Bazaar co-chairs - Dede Bessey, Teresa Geer

Spirit Wear chair- available

Yearbook chair- available

**Nominees for board positions:**

Kate Treece nominated herself as Treasurer

Teresa Geer nominated Mindy Gelder as Secretary (with her prior approval)

No other nominations, positions approved as nominated by unanimous vote

**Budget for 2014-2015 school year:** Copies were handed out to each member in attendance.

Unanimous vote to approve as written.

**Standing rules:** Copies were handed out to each member in attendance. Dede Bessey advised each member to look over the standing rules and prepare any suggested amendments for next month's meeting.

**Treasurer report:** JoElle Munger reported that there is \$14,333.25 in the account. There are two outstanding checks, totaling less than \$300.

Dede Bessey advised that because of the school being closed in July/August there was some bills in the PTA mail that sat all summer and was not responded to in time to avoid late fees. Due to this unavoidable issue, Dede suggested the possibility of PTA opening a P.O. box at a cost of \$48 per year. Motion to approve, Teresa Geer, seconded by JoElle Munger, approved by unanimous decision. Dede also stated that the PTA should vote on who would have the keys and put that decision into the standing rules.

Teresa Geer motioned that the President and Treasurer should hold the P.O. box keys. Seconded by JoElle Munger, approved by unanimous decision.

Dede Bessey also advised that the PTA holds a safe deposit box at Sound Community Bank, and that the PTA should vote on what is kept in that box, as well as who has keys and also put that decision into the standing rules. Kate Treece motioned to again have the President and Treasurer have those keys, seconded by JoElle Munger, approved by unanimous decision. Teresa Geer motioned to have the safe deposit box hold all original legal certificates, such as our insurance policy. Seconded by Asta Bonheyo, approved by unanimous decision.

**Membership report:** Asta Bonheyo advised that we are at 49 members as of today. We are doing well towards the goal of 100% teacher membership by October 1st. There are only 12 teachers not signed up, Donna Hudson will reach out to those to try to get 100%. Emily Ellefson motioned and Alex Ogilvie seconded having a teacher contest to get the most parents signed up. Whichever teacher has the most parents join before Nov. 7 will win a prize of either a house cleaning by Teresa Geer, or a \$25 Visa gift card. Approved by unanimous decision.

**Fundraising report:** Teresa Geer reported that we are thinking of some alternative fundraising ideas to those we've done before. Principal Donna Hudson suggested not planning any fundraisers aside from Jog-a-thon and seeing if we can meet our goals with just that one fundraiser. Discussion was tabled until Teresa, Dede, and Donna can meet and discuss fundraising goals.

**Easy Money report:** Dede Bessey reported for Caitlin Sundin that we will be holding a Box Top war in October. Also, advised that we received a check for \$121 from Shoparoo from last year's participants. Dede explained that Shoparoo is a free smartphone app which awards points for participants uploading pictures of shopping receipts. The points are converted to dollars. It is an easy way for the PTA to earn money with very little effort, and no expense on our part.

**Holiday Bazaar:** Dede Bessey reported that there has been a good response for vendor spots at this year's bazaar, to be held Nov. 15-16, 2014. Still accepting applications for vendor spots.

**New business:** Dede Bessey suggested that the PTA purchase awards charms to award the "Students of the Month" chosen in each month from each classroom. These plastic charms can go on backpacks or shoelaces, and are similar to the "Paw pride" awards the school gives out. The suggestion is to order holiday based charms for each month, September through June, and award these at the monthly assembly. Emily Ellefson motioned to purchase the charms, as well as some that are not holiday themed for those that don't celebrate any given holiday, at a total cost of \$296.43. Seconded by JoElle Munger, approved by unanimous decision.

Shellea Wolfe indicated that she would like to take over as Yearbook chair. So appointed, Dede will announce at next month's meeting.

**Thank you's:** Dede thanked all members for their attendance, and indicated that she intends to keep all meetings to under an hour in order to accommodate busy parents and teachers schedules. Meetings will be held on the 3rd Monday of each month, at 3:30 pm in the Greywolf Library.

**Meeting adjourned at 4:07 pm.**