

**Columbia Middle School PTSO**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**December 1, 2011 from 6:00 pm till 7:48 pm**

**Present:**

Steve Hamilton, Jim Katschke, Cheryl Katschke, Jennifer LaRochelle, Helen Wilson, Heather Dreesen, and Terry Foxworthy

**Minutes:**

Approval of minutes: Terry motioned and Helen seconded. All approved.

**Treasures Report:**

Checking	\$17,632.06
Savings	\$ 0.00
Total	\$17,632.06

1. Closed savings
2. Discrepancy on fundraising. Working on reconciliation.
3. Discussion of changes for time frame in next fall fundraiser.

Treasures report filed for audit.

**Old Business:**

Elitch Garden's information presented. \$19.99 per tick 1 free chaperone ticket for every 15 paid. No upfront money required if 75 or more. Possible other programs to combine event if desired.

Two meal options:

1. Hot dog, chips, drink and cookie somewhere between \$4.99 and \$7.99
2. Buffet style meal (price not disclosed at this time) waiting on information.

We signed a contract for Rock Solid Services for 2012 fall fundraising. Will be changing some processes.

Valentines dance: Jim Katschke to work out arrangements with Vicki Wright about PRIDE Ambassadors and \$1.00 ticket for admittance. Discussion of food items, drinks, and decorations.

**New Business**

Spring Fundraiser: Bill with Fun Services is coming to our February 2012 meeting to discuss event, sweet spot food items, and contract for agreement.

**Committee Chair Reports:**

Hospitality reports

- Begin organizing decorations for Valentines Dance

Columbia Apparel Sales

- Heather doing great job and special Thanks for extra effort with sales
- Stay with current vendor – excellent rapport, good deal, established vendor, no problems

### **Request for Funds:**

Choir department requesting funds for choir shirts:

- Black T-Shirt cougar outline on the front. Claw, number and name on back.
- Artwork submitted looking at \$20.00 per shirt.
- How much would each student be willing to pay?
- Can Mr. Pope use his teacher allowance of \$100 and receive \$100 from PTSO slush?
- More discussion to follow

### **Principal Updates:**

The college track going very smoothly on target to help 25 students as per arrangement established by Mr. Hamilton.

1. Students meet requirements during each semester of high school
2. Earn \$3000.00 per semester toward college education
3. Connect with grant opportunities
4. Major players of the endowment board
5. Currently, all 52 students are outperforming
  - a. Very positive program

Gear up at Columbia with identification of 58 eighth graders on 50 accepted each year.

Counselor addition has been wonderful and making impact at Columbia.

Mr. Hamilton opened up the meeting to discuss all other concerns of parents as part of his Accountability updates. Will be discussing anything that PTSO would like to understand in more detail and present to the PTSO.

1. Instruction leadership team
2. PBS – Positive Behavior System
3. Diversity Team
4. Student Diversity team is growing
5. Discussion of Standards Based Grading
  - a. CSAP
    - i. Measured based on state standards and established levels
  - b. Report Card
    - i. State Standards
    - ii. Subsets with Benchmarks
      1. How students measure to benchmarks during that grading period?

Further discussion of how standards based grading is still growing. Columbia is developing a better understanding of standards and benchmarks for all involved. Examples being compiled in Google docs for students and parents to view work together in student led conferences with teachers present.

### **Motion to Adjourn 7:48 pm:**

Next meeting – January 5, 2011