

DeRenne Avenue PTA
November 6, 2013

In attendance Kris Tindol, Jan Starling, Molly Goodman, Elizabeth Dewitt, Elizabeth Witherington, Malena Stone, Allison Kelly, Jennifer Haddad, Candace Thigpen, and Dr. Palmer.

1. Welcome and Prayer from Dr. Palmer.
2. Treasurer's Report - A special thank you to Clark. We have a balance of \$6,245.39.
 - a. \$2,000 was spent on mulch for the playground areas
 - b. \$113 was spent on new playground equipment (12 balls, 14 jump ropes, and a pump for the balls.)
 - c. 6792 box tops were turned for a total of \$697.20! Jennifer Haddad is working on N.U.T. cards.
3. Old Business:
 - a. A HUGE thank you to the parents that came out to help spread mulch on the playground: Elizabeth Witherington, Linda Bakhsh, John Stahl, Jan Starling, the Tindol family, the Middle school Beta Club with Mrs. Rea, Dr. Palmer, and Mrs. Van Puffelen and her family.
 - b. Chatham Parkway Christmas ornament sale is over now and the DeRenne campus sold 44 ornaments. PTF will receive \$88 for our participation.
 - c. PTF hosted a meet and greet for our new Kingergarten teacher Mrs. Potter. 9 families attended.
4. New Business:
 - a. Open House will be November 13, 2013. Kris Tindol has asked Mr. John Stahl to be our speaker at open house. Posters for the doors will be printed and cards will be sent home with students to pass along to any prospective families. Kris will email a link for Facebook so that parents can spread the word about open house.
 - b. A request for funds from Mrs. Ivey was noted for a set of Christian Hero biographies. There are a total of 41 books for \$194. All agreed to approve the request. Dr. Palmer also requested funds for a special gift for the teachers at Christmas. All agreed to approve the request.
 - c. Thanksgiving Feast preparations are well under way, and Denise Wilson will be sending out a request for volunteers to help with the feast soon. After the feast ,PTF will "Deck the Halls" for Christmas. Volunteers will be needed to help decorate if you are available.
 - d. Malena Stone updated us on the Christmas service project. She has received pictures of the residents that we will be adopting for our project. There are 160 residents currently at the nursing home and we will be adopting 25. Each will have a wish/want list. Collections will begin on November 18th and end on November 22nd. The students will learn about these residents at chapel on November 13th. Malena will put together a brief presentation for chapel and a note will be sent home in the folders. Any items that are donated above and beyond the wish/want list will be distributed to other residents. Donations are voluntary.
 - e. Grandparent's Day is December 13, 2013. Instead of a luncheon this year we will have cookies and coffee/juice. A plan for decorations was discussed.
 - f. Room Mothers: Please make sure that you are contacting parents to help with the goodie basket for the teacher's lounge during your grade's month.

5. Talk from the Top:

- a. Dr. Palmer once again thanked all of the parents for their help with the many projects we have done so far this year. She noted that at a recent grade level chair meeting there were some concerns expressed about the donations that have been requested so far this year. As a note to all, please remember that all donations are ***voluntary***.