Meeting Minutes- 3/19/2013

Present: Tracy Smith, Laura Brainard, Melanie Leatherman, Krissy Robinson, Patty Schehl, Rebecca Bowlby, Jen Underation, Beth McNicholas

Principals Report: OEA testing is in April, discussion of new state initiatives and requirements such as the 3rd grade reading guarantee and teachers needing reading endorsement.

Treasurers Report: Checking- $7157.34

 Savings- $6193.89

Market Day: Made $162.63 this month. Looking at starting Schwanns back up- more details to come.

Upcoming Events: 2nd grade concert this Thursday (cookies and punch have been bought), Laura Brainard offered to be there in order to set up and assist with the dessert tables.

New Business:

Teacher Appreciation Week- Patty Schehl is chairperson for this event. She shared some ideas she has for the week and there was discussion of how much she can spend. It was voted upon and approved by the membership that $500 was available to spend on gifts and food for the week. An additional $200 was approved for a Teacher Appreciation breakfast.

T-Shirts for Field Day- Two quotes have been received for t-shirts for field day:

Advance Concepts- $2052.00 (white or gray) and $2388.00 (color)- costs includes custom design

NC Embroidery- $1770.00 (white/ unknown if that included gray) and $2360.00 (color)- unknown if cost included custom design

There was no vote on whether to purchase t-shirts for this year’s field day.

Walking Path- There has been discussion on this matter at previous meetings. Three quotes were presented this evening from Laura Brainard (1 quote) and Beth McNicholas (2 quotes). Proposals for the walking path were:

Nelson Landscape- $8,920.00

Perrin- $14,800.00

Fred Azar Landscaping- $11,200.00

There was discussion on what the benefits would be (program development, be able to add to it in future years, example was made at what Highland Elementary has done with their walking path, walking club, incentives, etc) and questions from the membership about the path, who would maintain the path? Is the RES PTO not financially responsible for the ongoing care/ maintenance of the path? Has it been approved from the staff that would be responsible for the mowing around it? All questions were answered between Beth McNicholas and Laura Brainard. There had been prior discussion with the buildings manager (Tim) and it has been approved by the RES principal and buildings manager who has already met with a landscape contractor. Approval has been given by them but they cannot proceed without RES PTO agreeing to the payment. In regards to questions about the long term maintenance plan, Beth McNicholas has agreed to speak with Tim on this matter.

The matter of $6,000.00 being spent towards a walking path was taken to a vote and 4 approved the cost and 2 did not approve the cost.

Election of Officers: Election of officers will be held at the May meeting. Each officer is elected to one year. Please consider e-mailing PTO or writing your name and position desired for consideration and submit to the PTO mailbox at the RES main officer.