Stanley Elementary PTO meeting Sept. 11, 2013

7:05 Amy called the meeting to order

Michele presented the June minutes Laura Ramsey motioned to accept and Elisa seconded. Accepted.

Kristen presented the budget. Covered the fund raisers. Introduced the brick fundraiser which is new.

Question asked about holiday event. Christine is a co-chair looking for a second chair. Jen Hacker said the teachers and staff want to work with the co chairs on what each grade level does.

Michele noted that the budget and minutes will be put on the PTO website Meg asked for a quick review of what changed from last year to this year.

* Bus allocation is down a bit.
* Visiting artists went up a bit.
* Fee for the website went down.

Will vote on the budget tonight and review later for the garden.

We went over on the directory cost last year and we increased the line item this year.

Enrichment program we went over but we have increased that line.

Motion to accept the budget Meg, seconded by Jen Hacker accepted.

Celeste presented the fund raisers. Box tops is going on right now.

Box tops will be done twice, flyer is going home soon. This event goes til Oct. 10. The highest earning class will win a free pass to movie night and a free treat. The next collection will focus on highest sellers. Will use the sheets for the second competition.

One parent noted that there are a lot of families don't buy products with box tops and the individual competition is somewhat difficult. It is a note for the committee. Celeste noted though that on the flip side, there are students who work very hard to collect and bring them in, and it would be unfortunate not to acknowledge that in some way, and risk losing people’s interest in participating.

There will be a restaurant night on Oct. 3 at the Chateau all day, takenoutnor dine in, covers alcohol and desserts. Need to have the coupon to get the donation.

Laura Ramsey spoke about the cart cards.

* Will put the list of cart cards on the PTO site. The shop with script link is on already.
* There will be a supply kept handy.

Mixed bags: we are doing it the fall. Sharon is running it. Start in Oct. sell for two weeks and have the items back by Thanksgiving for holiday gifts.

There will be prizes for certain levels of earners. We will be giving an iPod mini for the top earner, second place will be either American Girl doll or Lego Chima set, third earner gets $25 spirit wear certificate. Sharon will need help with organizing the purchases.

Spirit wear will have new items.

Meg spoke about the brick fundraiser. The cost to purchase it will be $100. We get a discount for orders before Dec. so she will send an order form home in late fall.

Sioux Mont introduced the Halloween party. Will probably be Oct 25. Need volunteers. Will have a volunteer get together.

The Stanley Garden is being presented by Tammy and Mrs. Larsson and Louise from Healthy Waltham.

Looking for the garden to be part of the budget at $500 this year. (Scan the form from the presentation attach to this) Healthy Waltham is a nonprofit that has 8 gardens in Waltham, four at schools. They teach students about gardening and use that to teach other skills. Brian the custodian and Tammy bring food from the garden to the cafeteria to put in the salad at lunch.

A comment was made regarding composting to involve the students and parents.

Will put this to a vote next month.

Picture day will be Oct. 2nd.

Next PTO meeting will be Oct.17.

Jen Hacker presented the principals report. Steve Kanode introduced himself.

Talked about communication efforts-TidBits sent home every other Thursday.

In addition we have a twitter account @stanley\_school. We also have a FB page Stanley Elementary School Kids did bus evacuation training today.

Volunteers welcome in the library, for field trips, and in the school in general. Make sure your CORI is current. Can do it in the office.

School council - equal rep of parents and staff members. The parents elect parent representative. If interested submit your name to Jen. The PTO approves a candidate and it is put to a vote of the parents. First meeting should happen soon.

Talked about dismissal. Parents need to put changes in writing. Should be sent in with the child hard copy. The teacher sends it to the office and it is saved by the office. Please do not call last minute unless it is a dire emergency.

When you have a concern, call, email, write to the teacher.

Christine mentioned the Daisy Troop for kindergarten and first grade girls.

Erin motioned to adjourn Joe seconded. Adjourned.