

# Swanson Community Club

January 23, 2017

6:30 PM

## Swanson Elementary Library

*In Attendance: Stephanie Dorsey, Nicki Deren, Jenna Gallagher, Tess Fogarty, Jennifer Harr, Melissa O'Neill*

Meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m.

Principal's report (Jennifer Harr)

- It has been a smooth transition to the Swing School, the bus service has helped reduce traffic issues.
- The Community Club provided lunch for the teachers on move-in day. Chicken and egg salad sandwiches were provided from Garden Cafe. Also gave black spiral notebooks with the swanson logo to all the Swanson staff to Welcome them to the Swing school .
- Idea for return to school gift in Fall 2018: luggage tags for bus or general ID tags.
- The buses are scheduled to arrive by 8:20 to accommodate students who want to enjoy breakfast from 8:20-8:40 in the school cafeteria.
- Valentine cookies from Nutrition Services - Jen Fox sent information that cookies will be provided to the classes, one cookie per child, at the expense of the district. For any other party snacks, the district approved list MUST be followed. Teachers will have the kids sort/exchange Valentines before the party. Kids can exchange any valentine item/food, it must be taken home, cannot be eaten at school, following approved snacks list helpful but not required.

President's report (Stephanie Dorsey)

- Teacher Grants - Stephanie is sending the new teacher grant request form to all the teachers this week. Teachers will have a due date in each the Fall and Spring to allow for approval time for the Community Club to react. This is in addition to teacher stipends. The Community Club will set a determined budget for each semester.
- Box top collection continues. Swanson earned \$168 for the summer fall collection period. Swanson earns 10 cents per box top. Some schools do a collection challenge by classroom . The Box Top website provides ideas for collection worksheets. Student council will begin helping to encourage students to bring in box tops and prepare them for submittal.
- Stephanie is checking with Runza to request a Swanson-specific proceeds day.
- Fundraising letters to be sent out to Swanson families as usual in the Spring of each year, requesting general donations. This is our only designated fundraiser this school year

- 3/12-3/15 Scholastic Book Fair – Hours TBD (Sarah Maaske) - is in conjunction with Spring conferences. An additional volunteer will be needed to allow access to school after hours during fair if not on a conf day.
- 3/23 Variety Show - NEW Date (Suzi Hovorka, Andee Scioli) - The original date in February conflicts with a Show Choir event affecting both of the chairs' families.

#### Pizza/Bingo Night (Jenna Gallagher)

- Friday, March 2nd
- We are collecting donations of bingo prizes for this event - Stephanie bought some Black Friday deals: footballs, basketballs, lip gloss.
- Jenna will provide text for an event announcement.

#### Hy-Vee Cash 4 Kids (Traci Copple)

- Final receipts submitted to Hy-Vee totaled \$146,805.47
- Total donation to be distributed to Swanson Elementary \$734.03
- A Huge Thanks to Traci Copple for a job well done!

#### Staff Appreciation Week (Jackie Proctor)

- March 3 - March 9
- One week of thankful things for the teachers.
- Last year provided "Joe on the Go", 10 minute massages, decorate the classroom doors, healthy snack bags. 2 years ago families were encouraged to write thank you notes.

#### Treasurer's Report (Grant Mussman)

Swanson Bricks Fundraiser / As of end of December - \$320 raised - approximately 30 bricks - Fliers will be placed in backpacks. Staff are being given bricks.

Original Works art purchases were distributed.

Revenue - \$3614.75

Cost - \$2583.00

Net - \$1031.75

#### Open Topics

- Jenna Gallagher inquired about the Community Club offering recognition for bereavement and encouragements to the Swanson staff - It was determined there is not a designated community club advocate. Typically this has been organized by room parents for their child's teacher.
- Snow days - Westside banks 10 additional days to help mitigate losses from schools being closed.

2018 Upcoming Events:

2/6 Swanson Planet Sub night (first Tuesday of each month)

3/12-3/15 Scholastic Book Fair

2/14 Valentine Parties, 2:00 pm (Wendi Kroeger)

2/20 Community Club Meeting, 6:30 pm

3/2 Pizza/Bingo Night (Jenna Gallagher)

3/6 Swanson Planet Sub night & Community Club Meeting

3/5-3/9. "How Sweet it is to have Staff like you" Staff Appreciation Week (Jackie Proctor) - one week of thankful things for the teachers. Last year provided "Joe on the Go", 10 minute massages, decorate the classroom doors, healthy snack bags. 2 years ago families were encouraged to write thank you notes.

3/13-3/14 Teacher Dinner (Jackie Proctor)

3/20 Community Club Meeting, 6:30 pm

3/23 Variety Show

4/3 Swanson Planet Sub night

4/17 Community Club Meeting, 6:30 pm

4/20 Movie Night (Erin Siebler)

5/1 Swanson Planet Sub night

5/11 FunFair, @ WMS (Fun fair committee)

5/25 6th Grade Celebration (Kim Weiss, Susan Nielsen, and 6th grade parents)

5/25 Community Club Mtg., 12:30 pm – transfer of CC Board

Next meeting February 20, 6:30 PM, in the Swanson Swing School Library.

**Meeting officially adjourned at 8:07 PM**

Respectfully submitted,

Nicki Deren

Swanson Community Club Secretary