**PTO MEETING MINUTES (draft)**

April 3, 2013

**Officers Present**: President: Heather Pettis, VP: Tara Mickela, Asst. Treasurer: Kelly Mee, Volunteer Coordinator: Teresa Hill, Secretary: Becky Vardell.

**Secretary’s Report - Becky Vardell** Minutes from the March 6, 2013 meeting reviewed and approved.

**Guest Speakers – *Corrine Norris*** – ***Trustee of the Portsmouth Historical Society.*** Project opportunity for the school system - *Bridging the Past with the Present*, Memorial Bridge restoration contest, looking to the schools to see if the students want to build models of the bridge – on a group level – make a model of the bridge with the theme of recycling (since it’s a restoration) – using recycled materials. Models will be on display in the Discover Portsmouth Center from May 28-July 1. This is an opportunity for kids who want to participate after school as a group – not part of the curriculum – elementary through high school levels. It doesn’t have to be an exact replica, but the kids should use their creativity. Contest details: contact Corrine, www.memorialbridgeproject.com is also a good reference. There will be recognition for the winners. Models are due for drop off May 28 & 29.

**President’s/Principal’s Report** - **Heather Pettis**

***Artist in Residence*** – we may push this program to the fall, as there is no one that came to the forefront and we have a very busy spring. NE Passage – a disability awareness program- is a possibility. ***Gary the Clown*** will start next week. He gets a stipend, but has to pay for his travel and lodging expenses. PTO voted to increase his stipend by $200 to cover his expenses. ***Generate for Schools*** continues to be in the works – we’ve passed on a list of about 10 businesses, but please let Heather know if you have any business contacts who may be interested. We’ll send info out in packets to let the larger school population know. ***PTO Nominations*** – Secretary and Asst. Treasurer are open– nominations due by Mon the 29 and we’ll vote at the May Meeting.

**Committee Reports:**  ***Greening*** – thanks to Kim for getting the lumber donated from Ricci. We’re building the raised beds at 10am Sat. morning- volunteers welcome! Mr. Shea said that we will be getting grants - but we need $200 – PTO will loan money to Greening until the grants come in. ***Directory*** – finally here and looks GREAT! It’s going home tomorrow in packets – it made money and next year will go much smoother as new format is in place.

**30 Day Review - Tara Mickela**

***Ice Cream Social*** – lots of volunteers, went really well and made $400 net. ***Talent Show*** – awesome! Mr Shea’s Psy impersonation was phenomenal!! There are CD’s left over in the PTO mailbox if kids left their music. Charging admission discussed, but it’s the only school community event were we don’t ask for money and consensus was that it’s nice for everyone to be able to come and not have to pay. We could ask for donations or we could do a raffle. Also selling videos/digital download options, or raffling front row seats before-hand are ideas.

**Treasurer’s Report - Kelly Mee**

$397, Ice Cream Social - $250 80’s dance , $500 to college scholarship

**60 Day Look Forward** - **Tara Mickela**

***Yankee Candle*** will start the 8th. ***80’s Party -*** April 13 – get tickets, online, at school, or Gary’s Guitars We’ll have a 50-50 raffle, other raffle items, snacks and cake BUY YOUR TICKETS!! ***Secretary’s Day and Nurse’s Day*** – we’ll deliver flowers to Ms. Lister and Nurse Barbara from the PTO. ***Water Stop*** – Wallis Sands Half, $300 and additional $300 to stop voted the “Best” stop. ***Words*** – we need someone to donate the printing, it’s about 100 pgs./double-sided– a sample of writing from each student in the school. We could do it digitally and ask who wants a hard copy? ***Staff appreciation*** – a wk.-long celebration 5/6-10. We need someone to organize. Jen Arnold has always done a fabulous job but she has moved on to PMS. ***Lawn Fete*** – Celeste will do games. We need someone to coordinate volunteers, staffing, raffles. Becky will head up food – 6/12, rain date 6/13. Heather will send out an email soliciting committee interest for both Staff Appreciation and Lawn Fete.

Money for Liam Hansen is still being collected.

We are still looking for a lunch monitor (4 day position).

5/11 – Susan Komen 5K race, Katia is organizing a team.

**Meeting Adjourned** – **Next meeting is May 1 at 7pm. Childcare will be provided**.