**PTO Minutes 11/5/14**

**Minutes approved from 10/1/14**

1. **President's report-Erika Thornton**

 - now official non-profit organization! (Kudos to Erika for all of her hard work!)

 - will try to get to be tax exempt at state level

1. **Vice President- Candace Shockley**

 - Program we applied to Stoughton Cultural Council for funds for a Historical Perspectives program with Amelia Earhart. Program would occur on January 20, 2015.

1. **Treasurer- Margot Mitchell**

 -Budget sheet for October shared; went over October revenue item

 -Grant money still available for teachers to use

**4. Secretary-Mara Hochberg**

 -Thank you notes shared

**5. Membership- Kelly Gillis**

 - 86/193 families joined PTO

 - 29 Teachers & staff

**6. Fundraising- Sheila Carter, reported by Erika Thornton**

 - Charleston wrap arriving on Friday 11/7/14; hoping to have pick up on Friday, 11/7 @ 2:00 and Monday, 11/10 8-8:30

 - Coupon books have arrived!! Hoping to send home on Monday, 11/10. Every student gets a book. If you want the book, please send a check. If not, please return the book by Monday, 11/24.

**7. Cultural Enrichment- Meryl Eisenstein**

**SCHOOL REPORTS**

**Mrs. Mulvey**

 High touch, High Tech-in house program, 4 & 5 grades only

 - new lost and found in wooden locker in front entry

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Pumpkin Patch**

 - $8952 was brought in

 - Big kudos and thank you to Joanne Straqualarsi for all of her hard work!

 - Haunted house was a huge success!

 - Thank you notes are being written by a group; an add was taken out in the Pennysaver, too

**Scholastic Book Fair**

 - Most funds were taken in during parent conferences

 - Will have a book fair that coincides with January conferences; another book

 fair will happen in April

 - Scholastic dollars: Use for Battle of the Books; for Weekly Readers; PTO would like to

 purchase a book for every student in March combined with Read Across America Day.

**School Store**

 - very busy last month!

 - water bottles are $2

**Family Sports Night**

 - November 21 at South School! Zumba, family kickball game in the gym, and perhaps yoga in library

 - Raffle for 3-month free membership to Elite

**Holiday Store**

 - December 2-4, Tuesday thru Thursday; Joanne Straqualarsi & Lorraine Pawkner

 - Every item will cost $2

**Box Tops**

 - $535 worth of box tops was submitted

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Playground balls-** Franklin Sports deal: $2.50 per item: balls, hula hoops, tennis balls, Chinese jump ropes

 - will check with Reebok - Ellen Terron

**Holiday Breakfast**

 - For teachers and staff; Friday Decmber 19th; Mara Hochberg will coordinate; Julie Giroux & Nadalee Angelos will help

**Craft Afternoon**

 - December 11, an early release Thursday; 12:30-1:30

 -Tracey Campo will be running

 - RSVP/sign ups for an idea; no cost, but please bring canned goods

**Turkey Grams:**

 Katherine McLaughlin ws going to check with Student Counsel to

 See if they would be doing Turkey Grams this year; if they were not PTO would sponsor the Turkey Gram program.

**Other**

 - discussion about morning drop of cars; will bring to School Council

 - Turkey grams?? Is this something Student Council will be doing? Or can PTO do

 - Feedback: How come no movie for young kids during Halloween Dance? How come only 2 bathrooms?

 -Patriots game volunteers-Sunday November 23, 2014 1:00 game, need 12 people by 1 1/14/14: have 6 so far