

SSA General Meeting
Tuesday November 12, 2013

1. Welcome and opening remarks by Co Presidents Becky Crump and Susie Horowitz

SSA received thank you notes regarding recent presentations funded by SSA: Marshall the Miracle Dog assembly program, love and logic seminar, teacher conference meals, and the family fall fun day. LEF also sent thanks for SSA's sponsorship, and donation in honor of SSA.

- a. approval of minutes from last general meeting (September 10, 2013). Minutes are approved and to be posted on website.
2. Principal's Report -- Dr. Stallons was ill this evening and therefore not in attendance. However, we have a few notes from her. Peachjar has been implemented, Discover Ed test are now going on in the school (these tests let the school know how kids are doing through the year).
 3. Lisa Goebel -- reported on the Great American fundraiser. Total sales were approximately \$6000. SSA will make about \$2400.00 from online and flyer sales. The store will remain open all year!

The restaurant fundraisers: Tuttie Fruitte raised \$17.17

Stl Bread Company fundraiser is this friday 10% of sales from Friday November 14, 4-8 pm.

CPK all day 20% Nov 22

CPK also having a fundraiser for middle school on Nov 20

4. Soiree Update-- good meeting last week, this year they are planning on having a "meet the need" live auction gift for the special schools district. The "need" is a computer. Currently, the special school district does not have a computer, the have access to the computer lab but nothing in their class rooms.

This year the committee is discussing giving the opportunity to parents and extended family to "sponsor" the event, which will allow them to send a message to a spoede student for their donation.

The theme this year is the Movies, every auction table will represent a theme from a different movie.

5. Picture Day/HR Imaging-- 403 students were photographed, 276 packages were ordered. SSA raised \$1059 from this fundraiser.

6. Passport Night-- scheduled for Feb 7, Friday 6:30. So far there are 17 countries being represented, Greece has been added this year (there were 30 countries last year). This year the committee has decided to forgo the main entertainment, it seemed to break up the evening last year and was not really necessary. Ms Lorico is preparing a slideshow of ethic/educational activities that go on throughout the year. Last year this event raised \$400. This year participants will be given different colored wrist bands to signify those with allergies (the allergy awareness band will be red). Any leftover bands will be sold at the Rock Shop.

7. The Rock Shop is currently showing a \$1200 profit for the year. The new necklaces are selling great!

The Script Program should be pushed for the Holidays!! Think about the script program for your holiday gifts, for teachers, service providers and in-laws.

B. Current Grant Requests

1. Request for Ipods -- first grade teachers are requesting funding for 16 ipod nanos,(total grant is for \$2260.00). These will be used during for literacy block (reading, writing and working independently) and also for social studies and science. \$2260 is the maximum they are requesting, however, they intend to shop around and get the best deal and hopefully use a retailer that gives money back to Spoede (like Target). There is currently \$11,000 remaining for grant money (not including this grant).

2. First Grade Robotics --lego kits to be purchased for 1st graders. This grant was approved by the Executive board. Lego robotics is currently in 2nd grade, these kits will be for the 1st graders.

3. Marshall the Miracle Dog assembly was a hit and it came in below budget !

4. The transportation for tutoring grant was not approved.

5. Upcoming grants-- there are several fourth grade grants, these will be taken over by Fourth grade committee (multiplication fluency lines 22.50) they have remaining funds from last year.

6. Fourth Grade fundraising, they are selling Cardinal calendars this year. These should be ready by Dec 2, check it out on Peachjar!

7. Teacher Liason--Kathie Dolan, all programing has gone well thus far.

8. The Mums sale -- total sales were \$1965.00.

9. The Fall Family fun day had a great turn out, good turn out for the raffle.

10. Upcoming events-- family potluck dinner, picture retake and various class parties. The Spoele School Skate is scheduled for our next half day, December 13, sponsored by SSA.

11. Outdoor Learning Center is going well, volunteers working very hard to teach actual lessons, they are providing lesson plans for these days. These occur every Monday, each class goes once a month. A lot more parent participation is needed for the Outdoor Learning Center.

12. Room Parent Update- Halloween parties went great, next up is Valentine Party.

13. Spirit Wear-- link is at the bottom of the gazette. \$136 orders total so far this year.

14. Script Program/Grocery Rewards- Dierbergs (\$388) please utilize this program for all of your holiday shopping.

15. Wish List update-- \$900 dollars so far. The teachers' wish list link is on the bottom of the gazette for your convenience.

Continue sending in your box tops!!!!!!

16. Treasurer Report --Budget change to the line items: a line item for wish tree was added for \$100. This was added for small over-flow charges to cover the overages (like taxes or shipping) and the rest was included in the general fund, winter/peace assembly was taken off the budget line item (this will now be presented to the SSA by grant and no longer planned by the SSA).

A quick reminder that Turtle Tributes always available for sale.

17. Parent District Council Report -- last week few topics covered were enrollment numbers:

1) Normandy is refusing to pay tuition directly to Spoele. The State will pay with funding that would normally go directly to Normandy when they miss 2 months of payments (they are not two months behind yet).

2) Lice Update--if a child has lice, only that child's class will get a letter.

3) Chartwell Update/Food policy--other district schools don't use Chartwells, it is up to the Principal. Every food policy is up to that individual school, generally this issue falls on the school nurse.

4) The High School is doing a drug awareness training and should be trickling down to the elementary schools soon.