United PTO Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 1st 2026: 6:30 Meeting /Annual Meeting
United Library

A. Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions

- 6:30 PM

B. Approve September Meeting minutes (move to approve)

- Posted on Facebook
- Kalista motion, Cara 2nd

C. Treasurer's Report

- Seth motion, Samantha 2nd

D. Old Business

- Revised Budget- Needs Approval
    - changes adapted from September meeting
    - school board and superintendent affirm commitment to more field trips, PTO will commit a flat amount to each grade and school can make up the rest
    - consensus to give each grade $300 (total of $2,400)
    - moving t-shirt order to fall (in time for school spirit day)
    - Becca motion, Samantha 2nd
- Boosterathon Update
    - Final event is tomorrow - running laps in the parking lot
    - current total is over $15,000
    - continue next year?
        - on PTO side, things ran smoothly
        - teachers requested a 5-minute overview beforehand to help answer questions
        - parent and kid response was good - easy to participate, not too long in time-frame (so not too annoying)
        - we will review the cut that the company takes, but if it isn't too bad, the smooth process (and the prizes) seem worth it
        - the 'minutes' thing - and other concerns
            - we opted for a flat fee event rather than kids being sponsored per lap or for a time
            - if 'fun run' doesn't work event could be changed to dance challenge or other event
            - can the company remove the per minute wording on the web-site?
            - send home the envelopes for money/checks earlier
- Prairie Clean up Day - rescheduled for Oct. 3rd
    - school will do a final reach-out for participation
    - water received in office
- Harvest Day
    - 1st day outside was fun
    - 2nd day inside was as fun as it could be

E. New Business

- Whatcha Smokin Fundraiser- October 7th - Wednesday
    - ready to go, communication already begun
    - blast out communication on Monday, again on Wednesday

- Homecoming - Oct 12-16/dress up days and send to Cara
    - all set, will appear on socials and school communications
- Boone Homecoming Pep Rally
    - Boone HS has an open time to visit United - Oct. 16th
- Trunk or Treat Event - October 23rd - Friday
    - sign-up sheet created and in-use
        - 10 outside trunks already claimed - we'll increase the spots allowed
            - reach out to past-participating organizations (Sheriff's office, etc.)
        - 4 candy slots filled - push this, probably need more
    - teachers will cover staffing of the hot dog cooking and serving
- Fall teacher conferences Oct 27-29
    - we'll have a Give Butter set up for the event
    - meal suggestions:
        - Jimmy Johns - office create sign-up sheet
        - Perhaps save money by just buying sandwiches and augmenting with chips and stuff from budget-friendly stores
- Socktober fundraiser - PTO asked to cover cost of prize for winning class
    - provide a popcorn bar for the winner
- McDonald's Fundraiser - Tuesday, 11/10 - Chelsea will confirm
- Movie Night- November 29th at 5PM
    - Date is confirmed
    - what movie: Super Mario Galaxy
- Comet Cares
    - used to be a budget line-item, but Nurse Sammi has a good supply of stuff
    - some needs filled by donations or through Angel Tree
    - some monetary support can come from Backpack Buddies account
    - We'll have a spot at trunk-or-treat for donations
- 6th grade shirts
    - moving forward
- Skating- April 5th-23rd
    - dates confirmed
- 5th - 6th grade play
    - April 9th
    - new script still needed - tbd

F. Backpack Buddies Report - Chelsea

- October Sponsor- Lisa Snyder Farm Bureau Financial Services $750
- sponsors for future months already lined up
- If we had more, could we do more?
    - We seem to be meeting the greatest need, but could always do more
    - Volunteer to reach out to beef council, we can check with others too

G. Principal's Report - Maggie

- Preschool playground - open on Monday
    - ribbon-cutting afterschool during homecoming week - 10/15
- Watch out for a video launching the monthly Comet challenge
    - October is eat-with-your-family - participants get prizes

H. Teacher's Report - Kalista

- big kids went through FAST testing
- preschoolers are really happy to get on their new playgrounds

I. **Teacher Reimbursements**

- none this month

J. Adjourn: 7:53 PM

Chelsea moved, Seth 2nd