1. A cartoon of an owl

   Description automatically generated**Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions**The meeting started at 7:16 PM. In attendance were Bridgette Wickard (President), Emily Kremski (Rice VP), Janelle Cekovich (IFES VP), Torie Christen (Co-Treasurer), Katherine Schwenn (Co-Treasurer), Courtney Burke (Secretary), Mr. Boley (Rice Principal), 3 teachers, and 2 parents.
2. **Minutes**The April 2025 Meeting Minutes were reviewed and approved with a with a motion by Janelle, seconded by Tori.
3. **Principal Reports/School Board Representative**
   1. **Rice:** Weather permitting, field days will be held this week on Thursday and Friday. Second grade will be visiting IFES on May 27 & will be celebrating Bubbling Over Day on May 30. On the last day of school, second grade will also do a parade through the school. On Monday, June 2nd high school seniors will do their walk through of Rice. Kindergarten will have Ocean Explorers Day on May 29th. First grade will have a visit from Zoo America.
   2. **IFES**: Fifth grade will visit the Middle school May 21st. Forge Ahead day is planned and will include a magic show, foolowed by students walking to the Boiling Springs Pool to spend 3 hours there. At the pool there will be a DJ, photo booth, yard games, pizza & Rita’s. Field day is coming up on the 29th. Bounce house day is coming up as well.
   3. **Federal Program Update**: none.
4. **Treasurer’s Report**
   1. Cash Deposit will be done in August, it continues to grow. Checking account is in good shape.
   2. Katherine highlighted changes to the 2025-2026 Budget that were made based on the discussions in the April 2025 Meeting. She also provided an overview of the Treasurer’s Report.
   3. After attendee review the Treasurer’s Report was approved with a motion by Emily, seconded by Janelle.
   4. After attendee review the 2025-2026 Budget was approved with a motion by Emily, seconded by Natasha.
5. **Correspondence**
   1. SMPTO received thank-you notes for Teacher Appreciation from the 1st grade team, 3rd grade team, 5th grade team, and Ms. Beverly.
6. **Chair/Committee Reports/Updates**
   1. Spring Fling Closeout – The event went well with the nice weather. Wrist bands were a success. Overall the event was a net positive and SMPTO had a surplus of $1,600. Unfortunately, SMPTO struggled getting volunteers to cover the entire event, especially for the last hour of the event.
      1. As a note for future years, the Farm Show Milkshake Truck will need to have volunteers staffing the truck.
      2. Feedback regarding the petting zoo – recommend getting an outdoor petting zoo. The Creatures Great and Small did not consistently allow the animals to be out and to be pet. It was upsetting to many of the children they could not always hold or pet the animals. Additionally, SMPTO was notified shortly before the event that volunteers needed to staff the area to assist with the animals.
      3. Teacher Raffle – As a note for future years, prior to closing the event, SMPTO will need to assess how well raffle items are of interest to the students. This will allow for teachers to focus their time on activities that interest the students. Additionally, the idea to create a blanket permission slip for after school hour activities was discussed.
   2. Teacher Appreciation Closeout – teachers are appreciative of the sweatshirts and the food that was provided.
      1. Feedback received to consider dietary restrictions – SMPTO will review options next year for a box lunch, or sandwich trays. Additionally consider the timing, make sure things are ready ahead of schedule to ensure that teachers can get their food in a timely manner that allows them the time to eat as well.
7. **Old Business**
   1. Scholastic Dollars - Scholastic will be sending a box to Rice with PBIS Rewards for both Rice and IFES. Bridgette Wickard is to be notified when it arrives, she will sort and deliver to the appropriate schools. SMPTO purchased all that was in stock based off the received wish lists however many items were out of stock. SMPTO will continue to monitor and will purchase as stock becomes available. Additionally, SMPTO purchased 2 books per student and will be distributing books next week
   2. Spirit Gear Transition - spirit gear designs available for attendees to vote on. New spirit gear will likely include 2 design options on the site.
   3. Bubbling Over & Forge Ahead Days
      1. Bubbling Over – Will include bowling at Midway and ice cream for all of the second graders.
      2. Forge Ahead Day – discussed in the Principal’s Report.
   4. Bubblethon Changes – on hold till June meeting
   5. SMPTO Description Review – on hold till June meeting
8. **New Business**
   1. Field Trips – all grades have utilized field trip funds or spending is anticipated within the coming weeks.
   2. Teacher Grant Request – Rice P.E. scooters – The SMPTO Executive board received and approved a grant request for scooters to be used for P.E. The request was approved by the Executive Board. (30 scooters)
   3. Principal Requests – SMPTO is awaiting the playground equipment order from IFES. There are additional funds to be used by the SMPTO, options given to principals for the use of additional funds. Mrs. Reed indicated there were items that were not included in the next school year budget that may need to be covered. SMPTO is attempting to acquire the list to review ability to purchase items. Discussions for spending at Rice included ideas such as a faculty room refresh, summer reading support, bigger PBIS rewards prizes, or a Kindergarten ice cream social to start the school year.
   4. June Exec Board Meeting Date – The next meeting will be limited to the Executive board and will be on June 17, 2025 @ 6:00pm. During this meeting a transition of duties for Board members will be discussed.
9. **Announcements/Upcoming Events**- none
10. **Open Floor/Miscellaneous**
    1. There was several leftover Gatorades and Powerade’s from the Spring Fling, SMPTO would like to donate to the 5th grade Forge Ahead day. SMPTO willing to purchase additional Gatorades for the remaining students, we just need a head count to purchase the difference.
    2. At the Rice Holiday Market there was a surplus of funds, in the past these funds have been used to donate food items to families within the district. At the time of the holiday market there was not a known need for this. It was discussed to use the funds to help stock the closet with items for families in need. SMPTO will coordinate with Erin Rech regarding purchases.
11. **Adjournment**The meeting concluded at 7:57 PM with a motion from Tori, seconded by Janelle.