1. Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions

Meeting started at 6:04 pm in attendance Bridgette (president), Katherine (treasurer), Tiffany (treasurer), Natasha (secretary), Mr. Boley (Rice), Ms. Alexander (IFES), Ms. Beverly (IFES teacher), 8 parents

1. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Motion to approve Cari Donnelly; seconded by Tiffany

1. Principal Reports/School Board Representative
   1. Federal Program Update – Mr Boley thanked all for coming. Will be a federal funding update at the next PTO meeting. Enjoying building relationships with new and other students. Reminder for upcoming long weekend. Reminder for in-service day on 9/19. Expect Rice reporters twice per month grade specific. Extended
   2. Ms. Alexander: shout out to PTO mix and mingle for staff. Ms. Beverly seconded. Smooth start to new school year with community meeting. Doing beginning year data collected. September focus on problem solving using CARES. Monthly newsletter will be sent out each month at month start. Posted on the school website if email is not used.
2. Treasurer’s Report
   1. Excess Fund Follow Up- $2,000 still available for IFES, previous year’s $2,000 need to be spent (IFES). Was supposed to be used for playground equipment. This will be relayed to Mrs. Alexander. Rice: ice cream social and staff faculty lounge, looking into EBC rewards. Parent asked about how this money is allocated. Mr. Boley explained teacher recommendation are considered to reward students and teachers. Bridgette explained excess funds can be typically used during holiday market, and can purchase food for families in need around the holidays. This year, consideration for stocking Erin Rech’s school pantry will continue. $850 provided to stock closet (last year). Katherine explained this was money earned from holiday market was the excess funds received from families for gifts.
   2. Treasurer’s Report: $48,900 in funds ($20,000 in savings) ($28,000 in checking) closed CD opened last year, and received $450 in interest. Katherine explained that $20k is needed for all events without Bubblethon fundraising event per year. Also needed to pay expenses before Bubblethon comes (about $15,000). By laws state $20,000 is needed.

Beginning of year $6500 in Bubblethon corporation donations so far. Expenditures: Checks for Inflatables sent, Funds spent on new spirit gear. Working on $75 teacher reimbursements for teachers. Back to school luncheon. Will need to call for invoice for Rice. New iPad purchased for same-day events at each school. Water bottle stickers, notes for teachers, save the date calendars. Website, insurance, taxes. Working on filing in a new way to make submitting easier, Down payment made for roller skating event.

Need k ice cream receipt, luncheon for rice, snack for bus drivers, back to school posters.

Motion to approve treasurer’s report: Carie Donnelly, second Stephanie Beverly

1. Correspondence

Thank you from Mrs. Paskalik

1. Old Business (\*NEED TO BE TABLED UNTIL MORE THE 5 PTO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE)
   1. \*SMPTO Position Description Update Approval
   2. \*Bylaw Update Approval
   3. Spirit Gear Transition: Old gear still available in closet but no longer in production, and new design on artistic imprints available online. Link in newsletter, on Facebook, and on SMPTO.com. Old gear is 75%, and also available on website. Sales will run at PTO events until stock is out. Discount code updated to new year.
2. New Business
   1. Teacher Reimbursements- $75 to each teacher. Itemized form and corresponding receipts available through October 31st. Reimbursed 6 Rice and 13 IFES teachers so far.
   2. Reflection on Back to School Events and Luncheons- Mix and mingle was a success (IFES), boxed lunch well-received by teachers (Rice). Partners with CPARC to obtained boxed lunches for teachers (Sassy Gourmet). Bridgette asked parents to share ideas for snacks/meals for teachers for celebrations throughout the school year.
   3. Bubblethon Update – Explanation of Bubblethon event: Blowing bubbles, hoolah hoops, stickers for laps walked/ran. There is no number of laps required to participate during recess. Students received a Bubblethon update from classroom teachers today. Fundraiser will take 9/2-9/19/2025. Rewards explained (including silly stringing the teachers, and bounce houses). Bubblethon reward days October 3rd (IFES) and October 9th (Rice); Volunteers needed for Bubblethon events. Volunteer clearances explained. All children are including in schoolwide events. No longer using student designs for Bubblethon T-shirts. Every student can partipate when classroom and schoolwide goals are reached. All fundraising can be done online, door-to-door fundraising is not encouraged. Concerns raised for aging family: one parent asks older family members for cash/check, and they submit total online. Form available for cash donations on the website. Volunteers to keep thermometers up do date at each schools encouraged to help. Rice and IFES totals will be posted at each school.
3. Announcements/Upcoming Events
   1. BTS Kindergarten Event (August 27th, 6-7pm)
   2. Bubblethon Fundraiser (September 2nd-19th)
   3. September 18th – SMPTO Meeting @ 6PM in IFES Library
   4. Bubblethon Events (IFES Oct 3rd/ WG Rice Oct 9th)
   5. Bubblethon Rewards (IFES Oct 17th/ WG Rice Oct 24th)
4. Open Floor/Miscellaneous
   1. Carie D. (parent) asked if there’s anything parents can do for the bus drivers in addition to what the SMPTO has already done. Very appreciative of what is being done. District office, transportation office, and both school offices received thank you’s and baskets of snacks. Teachers have done a “great job” (Mrs. Alexander) holding off on activities until all students arrive. Bagged breakfast suggested, or handing off snacks to bus drivers at arrival. Katherine suggested monetary gift or grocery store gift card (Karns) to bus drivers along with possible spirit items.
   2. Links for volunteer time to sign up coming out in September.
5. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn Katherin, seconded by Cari Donnelly