**Emerson Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, April 13, 2015**

1) Welcome (6:00-6:05)

* Welcome to new participants; introductions; sign-in sheet

2) Principal report: Karen is unable to attend.

3) School Improvement Plan: tabled until next meeting

4) Proposed by-law changes (6:05-6:20)

* must wait until May to approve, per old by-laws
* after new by-laws approved, a move will be made to be incorporated with the state of WI, including fees
* in the fall, address the possible move to a 501c3

5) Recruitment (6:20-6:35)

* flyer home in backpack mail
* recruit! Especially for treasurer, secretary, vice-chair
* possible move to once-a-month popcorn instead of weekly, due especially to challenges with recruiting volunteers and expense
* how can dads be recruited to leadership?
* involvement of teachers, especially in leadership or parent engagement, would help involve more parents

6) Treasurer’s report-Deanna Schuppel (6:35-6:40)

* April treasurer’s report
* Square One Art final numbers coming soon--only reflects cash

7) Committee reports (6:40-7:00)

* Square One Art: Amy projects about $1500 in profit
* Mallards game: portal is up; flyer is produced for backpack mail; seating is bleacher or berm
* Old Fashioned fundraiser expected to earn over $1000
* Events: Science night coming up, Jenny Sweeny is on it;
* Multicultural Family night: prior donations will come through again, typically about 300 people attend, 10-minute percussion piece by Music Con Brio, highlight cinco de mayo, looking for maybe 20 more minutes of entertainment, suggest to Include a donation bucket for the playground project
* Picnic: Searching for donations for hot dogs, buns, condiments; Hired Black Star Drum Line to perform on outdoor stage; 4&20 will donate 125 veggie burgers
* Spring Beautification: Mulch is being delivered; Instruments are being installed near stage; trees will be planted during the week, working with classes
* Staff Appreciation: Raechel and Heidi are on it, planning for teacher breakfast on Thursday, May 7
* Playground project: Headway has been made in the last month (post-referendum) to possibly have the District solve the Dayton Street issue, to the tune of $30,000; additional meeting next Thursday to discuss bids, discuss equity imbalance between schools

8) Adjournment--Thanks for coming!

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, May 12--Parent Topic: School Improvement Plan