

PTO Minutes from June 1, 2010 Meeting

In Attendance:

Vice President: Michele Drage, Dana Fath

Secretary: Sheri Sepeczi

Publicity: Kristin Splitt and Joann Skof

Hospitality: Daphne Monroy, Jodi Steeno, Kristie Janka, Michele Tuminaro

Roll Call and Correspondence:

- No correspondence at this time.

Treasurer Report:

- The bank balance is \$11,641.00.

Administration Reports:

Dr. Mahaffy:

- 8th grade graduation is this week - very excited for the graduates.
- Still waiting on the State Budget as to how much money the school district will get.
- FRG has a higher tax rate than other surrounding districts.
- State owes us \$220,000 but we are doing fine financially. Teacher contract was just signed and everyone seems fine with the outcome.
- Cary Park District looked into doing an after school day care. However based on many factors (including our only place to hold the day care would be in the Gym where there are other activities going on), it will not be an option for this year.
- There are a possible 50 kids who will register for kindergarden. There are 42 already registered.
- Next year you will be able to EPay for any school fees needed. There will be a convenience fee.
- Power School will be used next year - the grades for 3rd and up will be online for the parents. Middle School already has this in place. Home Logic will be no longer used.

Ms. Machroli:

- Thanks to the PTO for the fabulous Fun Day!!
- We contributed about \$5,000 this year to St Jude this year.
- Ginger Z the meteorologist came and visited the students and the kids made the Channel 5 news last Saturday!!
- 4th grade had their end of the year celebration with cake today.
- Grace Huff and Ryan Zbora received the Jacqueline Krause Citizen Award this year!

Mr. Runck:

- Absent
- Communities Day is actually called Activities Day in the budget.

Teacher Liaisons:

ARS Liaisons: (Beth Diller and Susan Dilsaver)

- Thanks to Ms. Achy for attending.
- Thanks to the PTO for the diploma frames and 2010 tassels they will receive at graduation.
- Field Trip next year will be at the Raue Center to see the Shanghi Circus at 12:15 in February.

MS Liaisons: (Jane Szybowicz and Noreen Carr)

- 5th grade had their first dance last week. Danced and played volleyball - got tired!
- 6th grade went to the Shedd Aquarium.

- 4th grade visit occurred last week. Only 91 days until the next school year starts!!
- A 91 year old Merchant Marine visited and talked about what he did as a veteran.

New Business:

Welcome Officers for 2010/2011 (Michele Drage)

- Sheri Sepeczi and Valerie Borzch will be staying on the executive board.
- Joanne Skoff and Kristin Splitt will stay on as Publicity.
- The hospitality group will stay on with Regina Petersdoff stepping down and Jen Rocen stepping up.

Recruitment for Open Committee Chairperson/ Board Positions (Sheri Sepeczi)

- Spots open for Evening Programming, Escrip, Manna Gift Certificate, Mother Son Dance, and Teacher Appreciation week for both schools. Teachers are welcome to sign up!

Budget Approval for 2010/2011 (Valerie Borzych)

- Kelly Cowen will do Family Portraits - but will take 7 per family vs 5 it cost last year.
- Increased walk-a-thon to \$5000 but added more expenses.
- Market day decreased to \$2500 with \$100 expenses.
- Climbing wall stayed at \$2400.
- Needy family fund increased and the monthly 5 dollar give aways were taken out of the budget.
- Box tops were at \$2000 previously, we decreased them to \$1500 based on the previous year's earnings
- School supplies revenue also went down the last couple years so now is set at making \$800 vs \$900.
- Manna Gift Certificates are not on the budget yet but will be added if someone steps up to chair it.
- Administration was worried they were not invited to the budget meeting.
- The middle school assemblies will be \$750.00 short. Admin wants us to look into finding funding for this.
- The PTO board approved this budget as written.

ONGOING Business:

Market Day: (Joann Skof)

- We made \$263 in profit this month. 36 customers.
- Pizza Fundraiser will be in place for September for the Middle School Art Dept.
- We made \$4714.90 this year!! Good Job Joann

Local Merchant Fundraisers (Maria Churack)

- No information is available for this time.

ARS Book Fair Recap (Angela Nollet)

- Kindergarten won \$735 dollars bought 90 new books from our fair will be sent to a library in Philippians - scholastic matched the donation.
- Next year we should do it the week before because some of the kids used the change to buy books for themselves instead of donating their change.
- Made the same amount in sales from last year. We sold \$7348.55. We took some profit as Scholastic Dollars and some as cash.
- Vicky Randle found volunteers from the middle school to help run the ARS fair - THANKS.
- Great job Angel!!!
- Middle School book sale was run during thanksgiving the last couple years. Next year we will try to run it during Band Week.
- Wants to buy a banner next year from the scholastic dollars. Cost would be comparable to other online banner companies.

- Next year, perhaps a communication would be sent out to let the parents know when the children would be doing their shopping during the school week.

Spring Social Recap (Laura Bright)

- Served over 600 ice crème sundays. Had to rush to Dominick's to get more!! We used 5 more gallons than previous years. Profit is \$421.22. Some donations were not given as in the previous years so the profit might be a bit less.

Staff Luncheon Recap (Hospitality Team)

- Things went smoothly. Stayed right around budget.

Teacher Appreciation Week Recap (Laura Bright)

- Game show theme for the week. Each day of the week had a different game show theme. Stayed under budget! Thanks to Laura Wallis for helping with decorating. Big thanks to Terrie Smilak and Denise Rose for all the times they let them in the building and the countless questions.

Fun Day Recap (Durlacher/Riley/Warp)

- Under budget this year - one of the best ever.
- The chairs are asking the teachers and parents to ask the children what they liked and didn't like about the day.
- Set up the company in December - gave us the biggest discount.
- Face painting was the big hit of the day - they used 6 face painters for the entire time. And there were still lines continuously.
- Need to set some rules for next year - no using water bottles as dumping waters, and pick up your own trash!!

Miscellaneous:

- Gift cards went to Jane Szybowicz and Lynette Etter.

Meeting adjourned 4:35 pm by Michele Drage. Next meeting is Tuesday, September 7st in the ARS library. Have a great summer!