

PTA Meeting Minutes

Date: March 11, 2008

Attendees: Monica Poitras, Angela Clizbe, Chris Clizbe, Lisa Brown, Lisa VanAernam, Barb Fisher, Corky Fisher, Shelly Barnum, Bonita Miller, Mary Eagan, Jodie Frenyea, Jen Hickok, Janet Bray, Pamela Baran, Patricia Sotero, Heather Vazal, Tracy Veit.

PTA MEETING IN FEBRUARY WAS CANCELLED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER.

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept – Mrs. Barnum, Chris Clizbe

Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept – Barb Fisher, Chris Clizbe

Committee Reports:

Hospitality: Johnstown Library – Thank you for “Reading is Cool” basket for Auction.
Jansen Avenue Staff – Thank you for the delicious Birthday goodies
Mrs. Johnson – Thank you for the donation of the Mythbusters book for her class.
Mrs. Frenyea – Thank you for the donated books for her classroom.

Central Council: No meeting in February.

School Store: Doing good. Lot's of repeat customers.

Popcorn Sales: Going very well. Mr. Westman's class is sponsoring this week, Friday March 14th.

Fundraiser: Chicken BBQ scheduled for May 9th. Will get update from Elena Willet next meeting.

Box Tops/Tools for Schools/Campbells/Hannaford/Ink Cartridges:

- Campbells: 10,340 points in the balance!
- Box Tops: Going really well. Go to Box Tops website and enter the “extreme dream sweepstakes” where our school could win 100,000 Box Top points! www.boxtops4education.com

Please keep sending those in. It helps us to purchase equipment for the school!

Old/New Business:

- PTA Officer Roles are up for election for the 2008-2009 school year:
 - President, 1st VP, Treasurer, Hospitality, Central Council Representatives
 - Please see Lisa VanAernam or Patricia Sotero for information.
- McDonald's Night (Rte 30A) will be on Wednesday, March 19th. Notices to be sent home with students. Sue will call WENT about making a announcement.
- Art Show and Basket Raffle - March 26th. Notices went home for donations to be delivered to school by March 20th. Pre-Sale ticket notices to be sent home. Barb Fisher to help Heather Vazal with setup. If you would like to volunteer to assist, please contact Heather Vazal.
- Mohawk Valley Region PTA Conference - Wed. May 21st “PTA Dollars and Cents” – Topics include: IRS filing, donations, taxation, etc. 6pm Canajoharie High School
- All Sixth Grade students earned their FREE Great Escape tickets during the reading challenge! Congratulations! PTA will be responsible for lunch and transportation for their field trip.
- Star Search – Mrs. Zullo, Mary Eagan, Lisa Brown will chair the event. Details TBA.
- Carnival – Success! Students helped out and were wonderful! Raised \$618.06

- McDonald's McTeacher's Night: Monies raised would go directly to teachers funds to be re-invested into the classroom's. Would like one of the teacher's to head up and call Pat to arrange. Perhaps May or June. Details TBD.
- Communicators – Motion approved to reorder for 2008-2009 school year. They were a great success this year. Parents, teachers and students really like. Budget – add as a sep. line item to order each year.
- Dr. Seuss Day was a lot of fun.
- Sign Language Class – Great class. Students are enjoying. Comments: Some classes had to be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. Mrs. Sotero to address promptness of class starting on time.

Principal's Report:

- Science Fair – Steve Pratt did a fantastic job chairing the event. The 5th and 6th grade classes as well as other students participated. There was ~100 students participated.
- Dr. Seuss Day was a great day! Mrs. Willett bought pencils for everyone. Mrs. Russo made hats for those interested. Lots of fun!
- Carnival – Wonderful event! Many kids volunteered to help with the games and assisted with the younger children.
- E-pals: Getting off the ground! Should be getting correspondence and picture from great places like Italy and Mexico City.
- Yearbook – Mr. Kozowicz came in and did some demonstrations in Photoshop. Would like to bring in additional software for the students to learn.
- Blue Ribbon – Mrs. Sotero, Mrs. Ackerbauer and Mr. Westman, Mr. DiMarco, Mrs. Braemer, and a staff member from BOCES completed 30 page application and sent out to Washington, D.C. Will hear results of our standing in the Fall.
- 40th Anniversary of Jansen Avenue School – SDA Event – Rescheduled to April 24th. No fee associated to attend (originally 40 cents per person). \$150 donation from PTA for deserts to be catered by BOCES group. BOCES students will earn extra-credit to participate. Wizzie the Clown will be there. Invitations and additional details to be sent out soon. Motion to accept – to spend the \$150: Barb Fisher, Monica Poitras
- Dr. Seuss “Horton Hears a Who” Movie”: Mrs. Sotero would like to arrange for all students to go see the movie. Potential Date Thursday, April 10th. Working with theaters in Johnstown and Amsterdam on details. Note: \$178 to bus students across the street to the movie theater in Johnstown. Going to contact the Johnstown Police Department to help work the intersection to walk the students across the street as they do when the Kindergarten classes visit Price Chopper.
- PTA and Volunteer Appreciation – Thank you very much for the wonderful goodies! Suggestion to perhaps do a smaller celebration in September or November for next year.

Next Meeting: April 8th at 6:30pm in Jansen Avenue School Library