

PTA Meeting Minutes

Date: May 13, 2008

Attendees: Monica Poitras, Karen Miller, Lisa VanAernam, Elena Willett, Lisa Askew, Angie Clizbe, Corky Fisher, Lisa Brown, Jennifer Spoppable, Carrie Pechtel, Nadeen Rizzo, Donna Albanese, Shelly Barnum, Patti Sotero

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept – Karen Miller, Lisa Askew

Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept – Corky Fisher and Elena Willett

Committee Reports:

Hospitality:

Thank you's for the Staff Luncheon
Congratulations on "Jansen Avenue's 40th" from Mr. Tucci

Central Council:

- Mr. Whelan report out – auditorium on schedule, budget, no school on Friday, May 23rd (replacing unused snow day.)
- Installation Dinner: Thursday June 19th at Winner's Circle in Fonda. 5:30pm-6pm for cocktails. Dinner at 6pm – Incoming/Outgoing Officers and Principal are paid for by PTA. Otherwise \$16 to attend,
- Reception for Mr. Whelan planned for May 15th 4-5 pm for Mr. Whelan. Jansen Ave to donate platter of goodies to share. PTA members invited to attend.

School Store: Doing well. Kids have made suggestion to offer pencil sharpeners.

Popcorn Sales: Sales doing really well.

Fundraiser:

- Chicken BBQ: Benefit of ~\$1200.00 (Down from previous year.)
- Thank you for all who assisted!
- Suggestions for next year: Make bigger signs to be put out by street for driveby's, advertise a few days prior to event.

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

- \$484.70 rec'd for Box Tops. Fantastic! Please keep sending them in!
- Submitting Campbell's Label's June 1st.
- Tools for Schools has ended but will start up again next school year.

New PTA Officers Voted in for 2008-2010 Terms:

President: Elena Willett
1st Vice President: Karen Miller
2nd Vice President: Carrie Pechtel
Treasurer: Angie Clizbe
Hospitality: Jennifer Spoppable
Central Council: Corky Fisher

Principal's Report:

- Mrs. Sotero will be leaving her position as Principal of Jansen Avenue School at the end of this school year.
- Jansen Avenue 40th Celebration was a wonderful success. Thank you to all who helped.
- Bike Essay Contest underway. Was able to secure helmets for runner up submissions.
- Suggestion from the Board, as part of budget cutbacks, that each PTA purchase a few cases of "gold" colored paper for PTA related notices that are sent home instead of coming out of school budget. Will need to figure out approx. how many reams we use, project a cost and put in the budget.

Old/New Business:

- Teachers offered up their “Field trip” money towards the Horton Hears a Who event: Mrs. Sitts, Mrs. Kollar, Miss. Hickok, Mr. Frenyea and Mrs. Veit (50%) to help with the cost of the buses for the students. Thank you.
- Star Search is scheduled for Wednesday, May 21st
- Career Day is June 4th - \$100 from PTA to purchase supplies. Monica Poitras to purchase and deliver to school. Have 2 SDM volunteers, **NEED 2 more volunteers**. Please contact Mrs. Sotero if you are able to help.
- Communicator “Folders”. Mrs. Barnum ready to place order. A few teachers are also requesting writing folders for the classrooms as well. Currently have a request for 75 additional. Need to have minimum of 100 for that order. Mrs. Sotero will solicit the other teachers for feedback/interest. Tabling motion to discuss until next meeting.
- School Picture Photographers: Decision to stay with current vendor – McGrath Studios. All agree quality of pictures were very good. Need to have more volunteers on picture days to assist with clothing, hair, etc.
- Fundraising for 2008-2009: Committee formed to decide which ones we want to participate in: Karen Miller, Lisa VanAernam (Chair), Elena Willett, Lisa Askew.
- Mohawk Valley Region PTA meeting on May 21st. RSVP to Pam Baran.
- Backpack Program: PTA to be making a donation to purchase backpacks and school supplies for those that are unable to purchase on their own.
- New Yearbook Company? Elena Willett to research.
- Johnstown School Board Meeting on Tuesday, 5-20-08 at 7pm at the Johnstown High School. Desire to put together a selection committee to assist in recommendation of the new Principal for Jansen Avenue. Final decision is still made by School Board. Lisa Askew will address at next Central Council meeting that we would like Jansen Avenue representation in the recommendation process. Guidelines suggest at least 2 parents and 2 teachers can be on the committee. Mrs. Sitts is interested in representing the teaching staff. Teachers to decide on additional representation.

Next Meeting: June 3rd at 6:30pm in Jansen Avenue School Library:
Last meeting of the school year!