

## **Glebe Street PTA—Meeting Minutes—May 10, 2010**

**Present:** Wendy Pedersen, Mary Jo Bush, Eric Houser, Christine Krempa, Kathy Leibowitz, Kim Preston, Kim Kortz, Beth Geleta, Cathy Preston, Misty Houser, Virginia D'Amore, William Crankshaw, Bobbi Jo Haverly, Angie Clizbe, Kathy Perito, Shelley Yerdon

The nominating committee conducted their meeting at this time prior to the regularly scheduled PTA Meeting. While that was going on, the School Report Card was presented by William Crankshaw. Critical analysis and evaluation seems to be the toughest part for children regarding the tests. Bill said that a plan would be put into place in order to follow the results of the students that were tested this current year and chart their progress through the upcoming years. Bill encouraged everyone to check out the school website in order to view the progress.

**President (Kim Preston):** At 6:50, called the meeting to order; Pledge of Allegiance; Cathy Preston made a motion to approve last month's meeting minutes, Misty Houser seconded it.

**Correspondence (Chris Gerlach):** was not in attendance, so Kim Preston read thank you notes from the 6<sup>th</sup> grade (Great Escape lunch cost covered by PTA). Thank you notes were sent by the following people (Staff luncheon) June Coleman, Mary Jo Quinn, Laurie Smith, Sandy Vosburgh, Cindy Cromer, Karen Jones, Caroline Olszowy, Lisa Wager, Nancy Lisicki, Deb Ruggeri, Siohban Wood, Kathy Leibowitz, Kim Park, Amy Kollar. A thank you note from the Johnstown Public Library (Basket for Storybook Sunday). t

**Central Council (Misty Houser):** Founders Day raised \$400 for the basket. There was discussion of the possibility of changing venues next year. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade dance will be casual (possibly a beach theme). stressing that). There is uncertainty when the Installation dinner is scheduled, so Misty will find out the date. Knox is responsible for hosting the dinner this year. Elections will be at tomorrow night's meeting.

**Treasurer's Report (Kim Kortz):** \$10,500 balance. \$2,500 is for the golf tournament next year. \$2,000 needs to be paid out for the t-shirts yet. Panther Prowl made \$1,609. Wendy Pedersen made a motion to approve the report, Shelley Yerdon seconded it.

**Teacher Representative (Kathy Leibowitz):** Nothing to report.

**Panther Parent Report (Bobbi Jo Haverly):** had to leave early so Kim Preston reported that there was a recent e-mail from an incoming Kindergarten mom thanking us for the welcoming packet. She loves the idea of the website to keep in touch with what is going on.

**First Vice President (Shelley Yerdon):** No report regarding fundraising. She offered thanks to Christine Krempa for a successful walk-a-thon event. The goal was 300 miles walked and we walked 308 miles. Everyone seemed pleased with the event, but only 10% of the school participated. The student population most represented was kindergarten. It was the first year for it, so hopefully there will be more participation in future years.

**Golf Tournament (Beth Geleta):** The committee has 16 confirmed hole sponsors (\$100 per). A \$1,000 corporate sponsor; and a \$500 executive sponsor. The advertisement flyer will go out before the end of the school year. Eric Houser said that he would really like to see some teacher teams involved (Mrs. Leibowitz said will spread the word). Steet Toyota put up a car for a hole-in-one. The Golf Tournament is Saturday, September 18, 2010, at 9:00 a.m.

**Shared Decision-Making (William Crankshaw)**: Sponsoring Bike Safety Program. Helmets and bikes will be raffled off to the winner of the bicycle safety poster contest. There will be a fresh slate of volunteers including (3 teachers; 3 parents; 1 CSEA representative and the principal).

**Principal's Report (William Crankshaw)**: The Panther Prowl was a great event. Bill expressed his pride in the direction the PTA is taking things through events that are healthful and family-oriented. Career Day is coming along great. This year's theme is hobbies that can morph into a path of volunteering or even a career. DIBLS testing is this week & next week. At the end of the year, there will be K-3 visits to Marie Curie. The intention is to learn teaching strategies for better teaching methods. Mandate S.B.I.T. by 2012. This is a team that helps with referrals for special education needs. Sometimes it is determined that it is not a special education need, but a different way in which the student learns.

**Nominating Committee (Shelley Yerdon)**: There are 3 positions up for re-election: Recording Secretary, Second Vice President and 1 Central Council Representative. A nomination was made for Beth Geleta, Second Vice President. Kim Preston made a motion, Eric Houser seconded it, all in favor. Nominations were taken from the floor for Virginia D'Amore, Recording Secretary. Beth Geleta made a motion, Angie Clizbe seconded it, all in favor. Nominations were taken from the floor for Angie Clizbe, Central Council Representative. Virginia D'Amore made a motion, Kim Kortz seconded it, all in favor. Thanks to the nominating committee: Kathy Perito, Angie Clizbe, Lesa Levin, Shelley Yerdon and Bobbi Jo Haverly.

**Accelerated Reader (Misty Houser)**: ends this Friday, May 15, 2010. Thursday is the final night with a ½ hour reading/testing and a ½ hour make-your-own sundaes/party celebration. The theme is dress like a rock star!

**Other:**

- Spring Spin tickets are on sale. See Paula Salatel.
- School Tool Box orders are due this Friday.
- Career Day is May 14, 2010.
- Last PTA Meeting is Monday, June 14, 2010, @ 6:30 p.m.
- Suggestion made to develop a distribution list and send updates of events to parents
- Lunch money collection has not been an issue this year

**Parent Comments:**

Kim Kortz:

- Monica Poitress asked that we team for some events with all the schools.
- The third grade Self-assessment is very positive. Kim loves it and so do other parents.

Kathy Perito:

- Who decided on the color of the school shirts? She loves it.
- Voiced a concern of whether every child could afford to pay for class trips. Teachers check to see if there is a need and help is available.

Christine Krempa:

- Agreed to "lawn" chair the garden committee. She will recruit some volunteers!

At 7:40 p.m. Kim Preston adjourned the meeting; all in favor.