

PTA Meeting Minutes

Date: January 13, 2009

Attendees: Elena Willett - Y
Karen Miller - Y
Carrie Pechtel - Y
Jennifer Sponnoble - Y
Monica Poitras - Y
Angie Clizbe - Y
Lisa Askew - Y
Corky Fisher - Y
Ms. Vazal - N
Ms. Hickok - Y

Additional Participants: Chris Clizbe, Lisa VanAernam, Becky Polidore, Kelly Woodard, Barb Fisher, Colleen Lester, Stephanie Bordis

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept – Karen Miller and Chris Clizbe

Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept – Lisa VanAernam and Nadeen Rizzo

Committee Reports:

- Marge Ugalde:
 - If you register by January 15th, and increase PTA membership by the most percentage, by March 31st, the top 12 PTA's would win a laptop. Suggestions to solicit would be to support State and National PTA, not just Jansen. Open up to students – send letter home to solicit membership for the students.
 - Group discussion: Don't feel it's appropriate to solicit students at elementary level. Consensus is that anyone who signed up would most likely already have done so.
 - Thank you to Karen Miller for leading up the Reflections program from Jansen.
 - Ledge Edge Conference: Feb 28 to March 1st – Elena Willett has flier if you are interested. Conference provides important information on lobbying, programs, etc.
 - Johnstown Reflections Chair – will need a replacement for next year. If you have anyone to nominate, please contact Marge Ugalde at dependablemom@yahoo.com

Hospitality:

- Nothing to report.

Central Council:

- Founder's Day Dinner is on Wednesday, February 11th.
- Johnstown High School Craft Fair is Saturday, March 14, 2009 from 10am to 3pm. Any funds raised at "your table" gets to stay with your organization.
 - When do we need to let them know by? How many people doing a Bake Sale?
 - Mrs. Pechtel and Mrs. Jill Richardson and Mrs. Poitras to organize – Do a bake sale? Decorate your own cookie? Ladies to meet and report out to PTA if we need assistance.

School Store:

- Been pretty dormant but will be re-open for business soon!

Popcorn Sales:

- Going well.

Fundraiser:

- Cookie Dough Fundraiser – packets were sent home last Friday.

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

At 40% of this years goals. Mrs. Kollar's class won for December.

- Tools for Schools: Still going on at Price Chopper

Old/New Business:

- Santa's Workshop: Overall, event was a success but Mrs. Pechtel has some suggestions for next year. Thank you to Mrs. Fisher for helping out when some volunteers didn't show up. Very little inventory left over. Children were excited and had fun shopping. Unfortunately, due to weather the evening events needed to be cancelled. Looking to potentially have a rain date. All suggestions to be considered to enhance and simplify the event for future years.
- Bingo night – Very fun event! Low turnout, perhaps due to being so close to returning from Winter Break. Suggestion would be to move to second week after the students return to school.
- Founder's Day – Congratulations to the Jansen Avenue Recipients: Michelle Heroth, Michelle Barnum and Shirley Alicea. City Wide award went to Jen Hickok and Venessa Shepard. Congratulations! Dinner is Wednesday, February 11th, Cocktails at 5:30pm at Townhouse. Mrs. Simek has the sign up sheet. Attendees and money are due by Wednesday, February 4th. Since we don't have a meeting prior to the sign up due date, please be sure to see Mrs. Simek if interested in attending.
 - Jen Sponnable – will be in charge to gather names and money. Will need to get money to Treasurer and she will write a check.
 - Baskets will also be picked up from Jansen on Wednesday, February 11th.
- Carnival – March 6th - Michael Theissen's grandparents are donating great games. Michelle Heroth will go and pick them up for us.
 - Chair – Barb Fisher will continue but wants to have another person to help out for future years. Elena Willet will help out as well.
 - Volunteers – Karen Miller will get her the list of people to call to help out.
- Science Fair – February 5th – Steve Pratt is chairing – Green Theme
- Restructuring – Elena brought in her documents for anyone to take a look at if interested.

Principal's Report:

- First day of ELA's today.
- Spelling Bee: Tuesday, February 3rd at 1:45pm. Grades 4-6, but 3rd grader's can come watch.
- Yearbook – Sherry Bramer and Mrs. Lester putting year book together – Mrs. Fisher to help out.
- Star Search – Scheduled for Thursday, May 28th. Mrs. Lester looking for assistance. She will contact Lisa Brown and Mary Riley who had worked on it last year. Also involve the sixth graders.

Action Items:

- Buy new BINGO game for next year – a ball was missing N56!
- Founder's Day Baskets: **Angie Clizbe**. (Basket for library needs to have a book.)
- Founder's Day Basket items – **Monica Poitras** to send out reminder.
- Science Fair – **Elena Willett** to Contact Steve Pratt to see if he's going to send out a flier.
- Stewart's Holiday Match: **Monica Poitras** to submit application on behalf of Jansen PTA
- Membership Drive:
 - **Monica Poitras** sent email to Marge clarifying who actually gets the laptop – Done 1/13/2009 – waiting for response.
 - **Karen Miller** to find out how long it takes to get a new supply of cards if we decide to pursue.
 - **Monica Poitras** to register Jansen Avenue PTA – Done 1/15/2009.
- Johnstown High School Craft Fair: **Lisa Askew** to find out how many groups are doing a Bake Sale and what is deadline for letting them know we are interested in participating?

Next Meeting:

February 10, 2009 at 6:30pm in Jansen Avenue School Library