

Pleasant Avenue PTA Meeting Minutes

Date: January 25, 2010

Officer/Rep. Attendees:

Kristina Mraz – Y	Deb Ammann – Y	Quinn Swartwout - N
Elena Willett – N	Gina Hadcock – N - OK	Michelle Heroth – N - OK
Rachel Truckenmiller – Y	Monica Poitras – Y	Lisa VanAernam – N - OK

Additional Participants:

Karen Tyler – Y	Barb Fisher – Y	Tammi King – Y
Tracy Russo – Y	Michele Lake – Y	Jen Sponnoble – Y
Christine LeMori – Y	Patricia Lago – Y	Sharon Krutz – Y
Jeff Vivenzio – Y	Heidi Norris – Y	Helen Reed – Y
Caroline Wagner – Y		

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept – Barb Fisher, Karen Tyler

Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept – Barb Fisher, Jen Sponnoble

Committee Reports:

- Membership Drive: Deb will have notice put in February bulletin.
- SDM – have an established Mission Statement.
 - Honor Roll – would like to establish an honor roll/Principals List. Grades 3-6. Details will TBD. Would like to merge in ideas from Persevering Pioneers. Looking to recognize “improvement” scale, character skills, “Caught doing something good” etc.
 - Spirit Week: March 15th-19th: (15th - PJ day, 16th - Inside out Day, 17th - St. Patrick's Day, 18th - Blue and White Day, 19th - Crazy Hat Day)
 - Interest in ordering Pleasant Ave t-shirts for new students to show school pride.
- Reflections – Congrats to the students that moved on to State level.
- PARP – Classes have torch for a day and then pass it on. The class gets to hang up their country flags in the hallway. Feb 3rd will be opening ceremonies.

Corresponding Secretary:

- Many thank you notes from Holiday Baskets.
- Excel family is very grateful for the generosity at the Holidays.

Central Council:

- Next meeting: Feb 9th at Glebe Street.

Popcorn Sales:

- Researched a more economical way to purchase and provide the supplies for the sales. Teachers and students are using funds for classroom use and making donations to local charities, Haiti relief, etc. wonderful use of funds!

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

- Tools for Schools Balance: 43,435
- Ink Cartridges – Box has now been emptied and ready for more. Please continue to send them in.
- Box Tops – Would like to do a midyear collection. Will get more information from Mrs. Rizzo

Old/New Business:

- Tracy Diviyak – Post Prom Advisor. Gave a pitch on requesting funds. November to May she needs to raise approx. \$10k-\$12k. Applebee's, McD's nights, raking leaves, baseball teams, PTA, CDPHP, etc. kids also help to raise money. It is difficult for her to say that our funds will go towards a specific item as it goes towards the bottom line to pay for all the events for the evening. She has the entire budget and can allocate where all funds coming in are used for should anyone need to see it. Great cause and keeps students off the streets or party hopping for the evening. Must be a Junior or Senior with a date. Do need to pass a breathalyzer test before they can attend. Only way students can leave is if they call a parent and they come and sign them out. They have door prizes and entertainment, food, picture booths,

hypnotist, palm reader, DJ, characterist, etc. Midnight to the next morning. Please consider continued donations for the kids sake.

- Holiday parade – Thank you to everyone who participated and supported. Pleasant was mentioned in paper for exceptional float.
- BINGO – Kids had a great time. Attendance was lower than previous years. Would like to see more families.
- Santa’s Workshop – Wonderful Success. Note for future years is to be sure to have plenty of volunteers. Children had a great time. Can save inventory for next year.
- Holiday Food Basket shopping – PTA, Winner’s Circle and teachers supplied 8 families with at least a week’s worth of food over the holiday break.
- Gifts for families in need – heart touching response to supply gifts for families.
- Walkie-Talkies were purchased and working great.
- Parking – Contact was made with Police Chief Greg Horning(sp) for assistance. To have “No Parking” signs put up, need make a motion through Mayor, Common Council, public hearing, etc. in order to get them put up for across the street. His suggestion is to have School Board come up with solution.
- School Pictures – Looking for another vendor for the school district for next year.
- Founder’s Day –
 - Elena Willet to Chair. Need members to be on the Committee, please contact Elena or school.
 - Need to have Nomination Forms submitted by March 1st.
 - Basket theme. Breakfast in bed. Basket is raffled off at Dinner.
- Carnival is March 5th. Kristina will provide volunteer folder to Barb and Rachel to coordinate.
- Science Fair: March 25th, Steve Pratt to assist. Thanks Mr. Pratt!
- Playground Committee – First meeting on 1-26-2010 at Mrs. Truckenmiller’s house at 6:30pm. Met with other school members on how to raise funds, looking to kick off at Pleasant soon.
- Library – Storybook Sundae, March 21st. Cookbook theme. Money is in budget to make basket.
- BBQ fundraiser to benefit AR. Date TBD for Winner’s Circle to sponsor.
- Snack policy – No homebaked goods allowed in the classroom for distribution. State level mandate. Verbiage is still being discussed and translated as to what is going to be allowed.
- School Banking – Tuesday mornings from 8:45(?) to 9:15am. Need volunteers to help with counting and auditing. Please contact the school if you are available.

Principal’s Report:

- AR – Going well. Some parents would like to be able to access from home. Not available at this time. Students are allowed time in the classroom and during computer lab to take tests.
- Scoop it – Students are doing fantastic!
- NED Show – Kids loved the assembly. Character building. Sold over \$1300 of merchandise. Contract states that anything we sold over \$1200, we will get a gift certificate for 10% to spend at their “store”.
- Princeton Plan – Longevity Committee set up to discuss as enrollment continues to decline.
- Board pushing for more Green initiatives. Electronic Newsletters, memos, etc.

Action Items:

- Deb Amman will update membership numbers
- Kristina Mraz will arrange ordering of Sweatshirts, t-shirts for the school community. 2nd week of Feb
- Kristina Mraz will touchbase with Nadeen Rizzo regarding Box Tops
- Rachel Truckenmiller will provide a Pyrex measuring cup for Popcorn Sales
- Monica Poitras to create sign up template for Pancake Breakfast volunteers. 332-7722

Important Dates:

- Feb 3rd: Report Cards Distributed
- Feb 12th & Feb 15th – NO SCHOOL
- Feb 28th: Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser – Johnstown Moose. 8am to noon – contact Barb Fisher or school to volunteer.

Next Meeting: Monday, February 22nd at 6:30pm in Pleasant Avenue School Library