

Pleasant Avenue PTA Meeting Minutes

Date: March 15, 2009

Attendees:

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

Additional Participants:

Karen Tyler	Patricia Lago	Barb Fisher
Che Hallenbeck	Jill Richardson	Caroline Wagner
Christine Lamori	Karen Miller	

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept – Gina Hadcock and Barb Fisher

Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept – Karen Tyler and Barb Fisher

Committee Reports:

Hospitality:

- Thank you from Post Prom Committee for the Donation
- Thank you from Johnstown Library for the Sundae Basket

Central Council:

- Founder's Day recipients have been chosen. Dinner is on March 24th.
- 6th Grade Dance – Beckie Polidore is Chairperson. Please contact her if you would like to volunteer. Event is on June 4th at Knox. Same day as Track Day.
- Mrs. Sullivan discussed the bus garage.
- School pictures – will have a unified vendor: Adirondack. They do the Little League pictures, Glebe street, etc. They gave us better pricing and feedback is they do quality work.

Fundraiser:

- Pancake Breakfast – successful event.
- Founder's Day Basket – Basket is in Pleasant Avenue Office. If you would like to purchase a ticket, please stop by.
- Carnival – successful event. Some feedback is that parents would like it to be a different evening other than Friday.
- Science Fair – Slips are due by March 20th.
- Playground Committee – Mrs. Truckenmiller met with the teachers to review and have kick off meeting.
- T-shirt Sales – Do have extras if you would like to still purchase one. Tote bags will be here on Wednesday and distributed on Friday. Maybe offer baseball caps for next year. Place orders in the Fall.
- McDonald's Night – Teachers work the tables. Pleasant Avenue gets 20% of sales from 4:30-7pm. There will also be a classroom challenge for the most participants.

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

- Tools for Schools points: Accumulated 61,756 points. (Warren Street and Knox also rec'd a paper shredder as an extra bonus.) Last meeting there was a suggestion to use the points for the digital cameras and 2 memory cards to be used for yearbook pictures. Would have enough points to also get a multiple card reader.
 - Motion to purchase the above with the points: Monica Poitras and Elena Willett.

Old/New Business:

- Wellness Day – June 11th
- AR Fundraiser: Thursday, March 13th? Kristina to contact Winner's Circle to secure date. Monica Poitras, Elena Willett, Michele Heroth and Kristina LaMori. Need to set up advertising, baker's, volunteer's. etc. Contact Mrs. Popp and she will put in church bulletin for Holy Trinity.
- "Snowflake Dance" Discussion
- Teacher's Luncheon – Do an event on June 23rd for the Teachers.
- Chairpeople: Please utilize all resources that were volunteering so it doesn't fall on one person.
- Budget: If you are chairing an event and are concerned about staying within budget, please contact a PTA Officer to be addressed.

Principal's Report(as reported by Kristina Mraz):

- Honor Roll went to staff for input and was voted down. Will be utilizing "Persevering Pioneer" character building. PTA to pay for breakfast once a month for students to have with their parents and awards are given. Usually one student from each class.
 - Motion to table the activity to a larger group and come up with a solution. It is unanimous that we want to recognize the students but want to come up with an idea that will satisfy all wants/needs.
- PARP: Winter Olympics was held and a wonderful success. Kids had a great time.
- Talent Show: Staff liked the idea but would like to table it for next year. Stephanie Nasadowski(sp) is willing to help out for next year. Perhaps have a year end assembly this year for students.

Action Items:

- Barb Fisher will contact to Kodak to see if they are willing to donate any cameras for the students.
- Michele Heroth to contact Stewarts for ice cream donation for the Art Show/Book Fair. Monica Poitras and Elena Willett to assist.
- PTA: come up with reward for McDonald's Night classroom winner.
- AR Fundraiser: Thursday, May 13th? Kristina to contact Winner's Circle to secure date
- May – Need to have ballots for open PTA Officer positions. Will need to put committee together.
- Kristina Mraz to distribute copies of budget.

Dates to Remember:

- March 24th: Founder's Day Dinner – Townhouse 5:30pm
- March 25th: Science Fair 6pm
- April 2nd – April 9th: NO SCHOOL – SPRING BREAK
- April 13th – McDonald's Night in Johnstown
- April 29th – Art Show/Book Fair/Ice Cream Social

Next Meeting: April 20th, Tuesday, at 6:30 pm in Pleasant Avenue School Library