

Pleasant Avenue PTA Meeting Minutes

Date: April 20, 2010

Attendees:

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

Additional Participants:

Caroline Wagner	Karen Tyler	Jen Sponnoble
Beth Edel	Vanessa Sheppard	Jeff Vivenzio
Karen Miller	Christine Lamori	Matt Lewis
Tammi King	Karlene Ray	

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept – Karen Miller and Elena Willett

Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept – Gina Hadcock and Jenn Sponnoble

Committee Reports:

Hospitality:

- Thank you's from Founder's Day recipients.
- Thank you from Johnstown Library for fundraiser basket.

Central Council:

- Committee to be established to choose school picture vendor.

SDM:

- Nature Trail will be focus for remainder of year. Misuse, vandalism are concerns. Looking to reach out to the community for support and potentially establish a group to help revitalize.
- School scorecard results are in. Mr. Vivenzio to publish in next Newsletter to offer an opportunity for parents to be present for the open discussion.
- Persevering Pioneer: Would like to make a motion for the PTA to support the Breakfast Program.
 - Motion to pay for breakfast: Monica Poitras and Matt Lewis.
 - Budget for approximately \$50 per breakfast. (Bagels, juice, fruit, muffins, etc.) Items will be purchased and receipts submitted for reimbursement.
- Honor Roll: Discussions to be continued for possibility of instituting for 2010-2011. Principal will be challenged to follow up on. Would like all elementary schools to be consistent.

Fundraiser:

- BBQ Fundraiser scheduled for Thursday, May 13th, Rite Aid in Johnstown. Pre-sale flyers to be sent home and displayed at local venues. **Please contact Monica Poitras, Chris LaMori, Michelle Heroth or Elena Willett to assist with baking or preparing take out meals.**

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

- Tools for Schools – Kristina ordered and rec'd: 2 cameras, memory cards, multiscard reader, USB flashdrive. Excited to use for the Yearbook!
- Box Tops: Kristina has a call in to Mrs. Rizzo for status and collections

Old/New Business:

- Only 95 Memberships (Out of ~300 students)
 - **Will need a new chair for 2010-2011 school year.** Monica Poitras to get flyers and prepare documents to distribute for next year in attempt to increase participation. Maybe put out a survey.

- Adirondack School Portraits will be used for the Elementary schools for 2010-2011 school year. They have not signed a contract. Next year will be a trial. Knox thinks they need to stay with current vendor due to Yearbook. Will research for future years.
- Founder's Day Event: Company was wonderful but.....
 - VENUE NEEDS TO BE REVISITED. NEED TO ESCALATE TO CENTRAL COUNCIL!!!!!!!!!! People in restaurant were paying \$9.95 for prime rib and we paid \$26.50 per person for a less than appealing dinner. How does that money get allocated? Does all of that go to Townhouse or does a portion go to Founder's Committee?
- McDonald's Night: Raised over \$400 to go towards graduating senior scholarship funds. Pleasant will receive the students applications to review and approve. We broke a fundraising record for McD's night!
- Backpack Program: Carlene Ray and Tammy King – Motion to payout the funds.
- Book Fair/Ice Cream Social/Art Show: April 29th. **Need volunteers to assist with book fair and selling tickets.**
- Wellness Day – June 11th.
- 6th Grade Dance – Michelle Heroth reported out.
- Yearbook: Mrs. Wagner working with Bob Kosowicz. She has pictures and working on putting it together.
- Earth Day: April 22nd – Contest of poems about “earth”. National Arbor Day is April 30th. Each Grade level classes will go outside and clean up the school grounds. Miss Fulton County may be able to participate. Michelle Heroth to see if she has some non-latex gloves to donate. Will ask school nurse to contact hospital to see if they have some to donate.
 - Karen Miller and Elena Willett motion to spend ~\$20 to purchase non-latex gloves if we can't get the gloves donated.
- Arts in Education – Committee has been formed. Budget to be established, mission statement created. Would like to do District-wide Missoula Program. \$12,000 is budgeted, we get 80% reimbursed. Venues will be chosen as appropriate for district and benefit all grade levels.
 - **Kristina needs an additional representation for Pleasant Avenue for the committee.**
- Knox has openings on their PTA positions next year. Contact Pam Baran, Stacey Leigh, Michelle Barnum and Elena Willett.

Principal's Report:

- AR: Books and tests were not purchased last year, and not yet for this year. Kristina and Jeff are investigating AR tests to be web-based. Per discussions with School Board, network technology in district is not updated and not capable to support the web-based system.
 - May 19th is when AR Program ends.
 - Money will be available July 1st to order more books and tests. Mr. Vivenzio is compiling list of books and tests and will have them “approved” and purchased.
 - Would like to make a recommendation for the K-3 and 4-6 have their reward “appropriate” for the age group. Review with AR Chair for 2010-2011
- Shirts for Track Meet – PTA at Warren and Glebe is purchasing shirts for grades 4-6, with the logo of “Bigger, Better, Stronger” printed on the back specifically for the track meet. Pleasant Avenue has decided to not to order additional shirts as we just placed and filled orders. Funds will be utilized elsewhere. Event will be made special for the students.
- Just Scoop It – Friday, June 18th. Will have 3 bouncy bounces and ice cream. Volunteers please contact Mr. Vivenzio.
- Ned Merchandise – have items in stock to be used for “Caught Doing Something Good.”

Please read through notes for volunteer opportunities and assistance requests.

Next Meeting:

May 17th at 6:30pm in Pleasant Avenue School Library