

Pleasant Avenue PTA Minutes
November 15, 2010

Executive Committee Attendees – Elena Willett Monica Poitras Pamela Donohue Karen Miller Lisa VanAernam

Other Participants – Jen Spoppable, Patricia Lago, Jeff Vivenzio, Deb Ammann, Helen Reed Karlene Peck, Karen Tyler, Heidi Norris, Vanessa Sheppard

Meeting called to order by Elena Willett (President) Pledge of Allegiance and Welcome.

Secretary Report – Motion to accept – Karen Miller – 2nd Lisa VanAernam

Treasurer Report – Motion to accept – Karlene Peck – 2nd Karen Tyler

Corresponding Secretary – Thank you received for Smile Awards given to Lucas Montgomery and Logan Hinderliter. Adirondack School Portraits, the company who did our school photos this year, gave Pleasant Avenue school 10 basic packages, “Smile Awards,” to give out to families.

Central Council – (Lisa Van Aernam) Sports Injury Prevention Presentation with Dr Solby will be held on Nov. 17 @ 7pm in the JHS Lecture Hall.

Box Tops – N/A

Membership – We now have 100% staff participation. Because 25% of our memberships belong to Males, Pleasant Ave can apply for the “Focus on Fathers” award this year. We are also looking into the “Presidents Letter of Community Involvement.” We only need 9 more individuals from the community to join our PTA.

EVENTS - Fall **Festival** – Went very well. Great decision to spread out into two rooms. Good turnout and kids seemed to really enjoy it. Thank you to everyone who helped.

BINGO – Nov. 10th – HUGE success. Kids and parents had a lot of fun. Great turnout, about 100 kids including Parents and Grandparents.

*note – juice supply has been depleted. Will need to be replenished for future events.

Holiday Parade – Mrs. Ammann (on behalf of Mrs. Meashaw) – Decorating will take place on Friday from 1-3pm. Anyone interested in helping can meet outside the cafeteria by the dumpster. Mrs. Truckenmiller will be making teeth for around the trailer. So far 5 committee members, need more volunteers. Music has been put on CD and the kids are reviewing the song in music class.

Santa’s Workshop – Monica is working with Mrs. Carville on ordering inventory. Will be ready for December 14 and 15th.

Holiday Baskets – Will be shopping on the 21st of December.

Snowflake Dance – For all grade levels. Mrs. Spraker is the teacher Chair for this event. Mrs. Donohue will be in touch with Mrs. Spraker to get the ball rolling.

Homework Club – (Mrs. Peck) – Going really well. Currently have 10 kids, 2 High School Students have come down to help, but still need parent volunteers. We are currently working with the High School Principal rounding up some student volunteers. Looking into possibly allowing parents willing to volunteer the ability to bring in school age children who may not be old enough to actually join the club. Children must however be doing homework or reading a book while they are there.

Reminders –

Picture retake scheduled for December 7th.

Reflections – Entries were due today, received several entries. All entries will be on display Monday evening from 6-7pm @ Glebe Street school for the Reflections Showcase. All who entered will be sent an invite.

Principals Report– Mr. Vivenzio – 4th through 6th grade test scores be available on the website soon using the NYS link.

-Preserving Pioneers breakfast will take place tomorrow morning.

-Kickoff to Character Education in December, Miss Manners will be here again each month. We will also have another reading initiative to start after PARP this year, still working on details.

*Note – School Board Appreciation Week, Pleasant Avenue PTA purchased Chocolate trains for each member with a little thank you note attached thanking them for “keeping us on track.”

Action Items:

ALL – Please review sign up sheets for volunteers and see where you can help out.

Dates to remember:

Holiday Parade 11-19-10

Santa’s Workshop 12-14 and 12-15-10

Snowflake Dance 01-21-11

PARP 01-25-11

Carnival Nite 03-18-11

Science Fair 03-29-11

Next Meeting Dec 7 @ 6:30 Pleasant Ave Library