

## Pleasant Avenue PTA Meeting

**Monday, October 3 at 6:00pm, Pleasant Avenue Library**

Attendees: Deb Ammann, Helen Reed, Rachel Truckenmiller, Jeff Vivenzio, Karen Miller, Elena Willett, Karen Tyler, Pam Donohue, Karlene Peck, Nicki Morton, Lisa VanAernam, Monica Poitras, Michael Donohue

Meeting called to order at 7:05, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

**Secretary Report:** Minutes from September 12 meeting were distributed and reviewed. Motion to accept by Elena Willet, seconded by Karen Miller.

**Treasurer Report:** After printing the treasurer's report, Monica Poitras noticed that \$406 as a debit instead of a deposit, correction will be put in next month's report. Profit from the BBQ was over \$400. Motion to approve by Karlene Peck and seconded by Mr. Vivenzio.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Thank you cards from Vanessa Shepard (retirement gift), Nancy Spencer (supplies), Jen Hickok and Vanessa Shepard (backpack supplies) and Anna Heroth (school banking savings bond).

**Central Council Update:** Dues are used for 6<sup>th</sup> grade dance, Reflections program and Founder's Day dinner. Mr. DeLilli attended the Central Council meeting. He has started a "superintendent's corner" on the Johnstown district website. Mr. DeLilli would also like PTAs to take a more active role in the district and work together. He would like more parents to attend school board meetings. Field trips were discussed at the last meeting and will be discussed next meeting. Some ideas proposed were the possibility of parents paying for the driver and transportation costs and PTAs paying for the field trip costs (i.e. admission fees). Post prom will also be discussed at the next meeting which is on October 26 at 6:30pm.

**Box Tops:** No report.

**Membership Update:** Currently at 83 memberships, not all of the teachers have signed up at this time, but Karlene Peck has received affirmative responses from all of the teachers. First payment to PTA is due this month.

**AR BBQ:** Deposited \$1612 and paid \$1186. Low pre-sale numbers, only 49 tickets sold. Planning and selling was very rushed because so close to beginning of the school year. Suggestions: plan event for later in year (but still in the fall), give PTA members tickets to sell. Whitey's was very good to work with. All of the chicken and ribs sold, probably could have sold more walk-up dinners.

**Open House / Book Fair:** Approximately \$3400 was taken in at the book fair. Line to purchase books was relatively short. Setting up the cash registers in the computer lab helped ease congestion in the library. Book fair started ½ hour before open house. Discussion was held about charging tax on books. Open house did not start with opening speech from principal. Discussion on different ways to have an opening speech, but not have everyone crowded in the cafeteria.

**Reflections:** Theme this year is "Diversity Means". Nov. 15 is the deadline to submit projects. Oct. 20 is the deadline to submit an idea for next year's theme. About 12-14 students participate each year. Possible workshops during library time.

**Fall Festival:** Saturday, October 15 from noon to 4pm at the Jansen Ave. school. Elena Willet reported that there have been three committee meetings with the other schools since last PTA meeting. October 16 is the rain date. There will be fencing set up around the area and people will need wristbands to enter. A flyer will be sent home asking how many wristbands each family needs and then wristbands sent home. The Jansen Ave. bathrooms will be open. Activities include relay races, games, snacks, donut on a string, dress like a scarecrow, big jigsaw puzzles, face painting, mystery boxes (from each school) minute to win it activities, pumpkin bowling and cow patty toss. Mummy wrapping will be principals only. A hot dog vendor will be coming in. The Poitras' will lend their pop-up canopy for the donut on a string. Classrooms will decorate pumpkins. Pumpkin cutouts will be sold to raise money for flood victims in Schoharie County.

**School Pictures:** Pictures will be taken on Friday, October 21. Flyers will go home on October 10. Lifetouch is the photographer.

**NED Show:** The NED show is coming back to all three elementary schools on October 27. They will be at Pleasant Ave. from 10:30 to 11:15am. Yo-yos will be for sale afterwards.

**SDM:** Mr. Vivenzio reported that the nature trail is in good shape, mulch has been put down and it is working at keeping the grass and weeds off the trail. The bridge has been repaired. There will be an opening soon. Education is the focus and a math Olympiad enrichment program has been purchased for students who scored a "4" on the state test. Other potential enrichment programs being discussed are Odyssey of the Mind, Homework Club (need volunteers, PIT may take this over), 6<sup>th</sup> graders to work with kindergartners on numbers and letters, different afterschool programs, and possible summer program (will survey parents).

Open Discussion:

Warren and Glebe St. are purchasing walkie-talkies through the Sheriff's department.

Target will fund field trips, although the deadline for this year has passed.

Possible book drive for schools that lost books due to the flooding.

Helen Reed used the clickers in her classroom and the kids loved them. Monica will call Mr. Westman.

Holiday parade is on November 18 and the theme is "Disney and Storybook Characters Come to Life". The Hayes' are chairing the float. Possibly use the Grinch.

Next meeting is November 7, 2011 at 6:00pm in the Pleasant Avenue Library.

Respectfully submitted by Rachel Truckenmiller