

PTO Meeting Minutes

May 13 , 2009

ATTENDANCE

Leslie DiNella
Alicia Lange
Marcus Ellis
Misa Culley
Becky Harris (BH)

Greta Requierme (GR)
Karen Lawrence (KL)
Mary Ellen Pickerell (MEP)
Louise Uskavitch (LU)
Carolyn Sadler (CS)
Mike Hendrix (MH)

Tanja Solnik (TS)
Dara Mennen (DM)

WELCOME AND APPROVAL (GR)

GR called the meeting to order at 8am. Introductions were made and GR offered door prizes of Entertainment Books and Smart Cards. The minutes were approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (GR)

GR recognized all the 8th grade parents for their contributions including TS, our VP and LU, Executive Board member.

TREASURER'S REPORT (CS)

1. The PTO funded frogs for 7th grade dissection from Teacher Supplies. LU suggested this be added next year as a line item since it seems likely to be requested again.
2. EWTA - the numbers are not finalized. Whitt's has yet to be paid. There was discussion of the performance videos that were new this year. GR had thought there would be separate DVDs for the two rooms whereas others assumed there would be one highlight reel. It was agreed that there should be 2 separate DVDs of the performances for each venue.
3. 8th grade business
 - a. The Executive Board approved \$750 for a grade-level activity. The 155 students of the 8th grade class were given a Class of 2009 t-shirt. Each was asked to contribute \$1 toward the expenses and \$123 has been collected.
 - b. GR also explained that \$100 was set aside for scholarship money to attend the 8th grade dance.

- c. GR explained that because of recent incidents (an expelled student who made serious and hateful remarks against classmates), some parents have requested security for the dance which would be \$400 although Ms. Jackson had indicated that security was normally unnecessary. EWTA did have 2 police officers this year at a cost of \$900. MEP pointed out that the dance is not a PTO event (although neither is EWTA) and many felt the faculty and parents in attendance would know the students better than police officers (MC). The police could be asked to circle by that night. GR noted that the threatened children are not protected at other events such as soccer games and (BD) kids who chose not to attend the dance could be refunded. LU suggested administration come up with schedules for teachers to attend functions however GR said the union would not allow that. MEP suggested a security line item under supplies and GR agreed so that security costs would not be an expense charged against specific events such as EWTA and talent show thus negating any profits. Maybe Mr. Hubble could decide what events will need security.
- d. LU has been working on the Black and White dance and 131 tickets have been sold. BH applauded the dress swap set up for the dance.

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5. \$3000 as been allocated for the awards (GR) including \$250 for the Meigs Spirit Award savings bond.

with an overall plan for the school. BH said there was no movement on the soccer fields. The funds were to come out of this year's maintenance budget which ends June 2009.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EWTA (GR)

Annette Medcalf was unavailable to make a report. The food was based on 350-400 meals calculated for previous years. It was about 1/2 that so the remainder was given to charity. GR did say that EWTA generally loses money. There were traffic problems in the MPR and a plan for signage and ushers should be included in next year's event. We were pleased to be able to offer free meals to the incoming 5th grade families and having greeters worked well.

Used Book Sale (KL)

It was a tremendous success surpassing their goal and taking in \$1247 total. The kids will receive a SSA-free day.

Nomination Committee (BH)

Changes to the slate were made: Alicia Lange will be the secretary and LD will serve as VP. BH moved that the new slate be approved and it was seconded and approved.

NEW BUSINESS (CS)

The Executive Board will meet during the summer toward the end of July to prepare the budget.

OLD BUSINESS

Awning Recommendations (TS)

Decisions will be coordinated with the landscaping committee and hopefully a decision will be made before the end of May. TS recommends finding a better quality construction option and was concerned about safety during lightning storms, but had not received answers. Kathryn Firsching has a landscaper designer/parent who will come up

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GR invited all to the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon May 21.

May 19 at 6:30pm there will be an informal PTO gathering at Pizza Real.

CS and MH won the fabulous door prizes!

GR was pleased that the PTO was well-situated for next year with \$41,000 in our CD and approximately \$41,000 in checking.

MH promoted a powerpoint presentation by Dr. Register about how schools will have master teachers. Register's plan is also to give principals more authority. The PAC meeting will be Thurs. May 14 at 6:30pm at Bransford and the mayor will attend.

Ms. Cassel is retiring and a new math teacher will be hired to replace Mr. Barringer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie DiNella

Secretary