

**PTO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**December 9, 2009**

I. Called to order- 10:15pm. Minutes for November 11, 2009 read by Fran Drucker. Wendy Ward makes motion to approve. Annie Hausmann seconds the motion, All in favor, None opposed, Motion passes.

**II. Executive Committee Reports**

**A. President's Report-Colleen Steele**

The Executive Board has met with Mrs. Johnson and Dr. Feifer about budget cuts and how it is affecting activities. His letter is on the website. The board has submitted a list of FAQ about financing issues. The website is becoming more inclusive and we will soon be 100% paperless.

**B. Treasurer's Report-Alicia Johnson**

Current balance is \$14,586 including walkathon money, not the holiday boutique. See attached for finance information.

**C. Corresponding Secretary-Sally Seidenfrau**

Thank you cards from Mrs. Kiss, Ms. DiChiaro, Mrs. Konigsberg, Mrs. Kritzer & the fifth grade for the book fair donations.

**D. Mrs. Johnson-School Principal**

Thank you to the executive board for meeting with Dr. Feifer to discuss budget issues. Dr. Feifer will do the phone chain, not Mrs. Johnson. Thank you for a wonderful grandparents day, the only issue was that the room was over capacity based on attendance and in negligence of the fire code.

**III. Committee Reports**

**A. After school clubs-Karen Simon & Stacy Klein**

Not present, but this is their last session and desperately need someone to take over. Planning meeting will be 12/18 at 9 am for anyone interested in getting involved.

**B. Book Fair-Amanda Groenedaal**

Sales were down but still earned \$15,700 and \$3600 goes to PTO. See attached report.

**C. Cultural Arts-see attached**

**D. Ears Turned to Music-Tara Conmy**

Program to musically inspire the children. It will be held on February 9 and there will be three sessions. The musician will play an array of electric instruments such as the electric violin & drums.

**E. Eyes on Art-Samantha Fruhling**

The sixth grade program will be held on February 2 in the lunchroom. The final income for the art cards was \$1200.

**F. 8th grade committee-no report**

**G. Fashion Show-Allison Passante/Denise Travers**

Looking into other possibilities instead of a fashion show, possibly a casino night. Or another event that would include husbands. Possibly on a Friday night. They are planning on exploring other options.

**H. Grandparents Day-Lizz Giampaglia**

Day went extremely well and was enjoyed by all.

**I. Kathy Moon-Holiday Boutique/KPSC**

Holiday boutique made about \$3500 profit. We sold out of many items. There will be a crossing guard and custodian breakfast, based on donations, on December 22 at 8:45am.

**J. Walkathon-Fran Drucker**

We received our first check of \$4708.54 which is 60% of our collections. Second notices have been sent out. Please encourage all sponsors to send in money. Mrs.DiGiorgio and Mrs. Snyder's classes both had pizza parties for 100% participation. Doing the raffle for prizes this week.

**K. Winter Wonderland-Tara Conmy**

The event has not been officially planned due to the budget crisis.

Lizz Giampaglia proposed combining the Winter Wonderland into a Blue Jean Ball/Dinner Dance fundraising event this year in an effort to raise money for cut programs or the PTO funding. Lizz obtained pricing from the Colonial Inn of approximately \$40-50/pp PTO cost and any increase would be fundraising profit. Also discussed was continuing Winder Wonderland at its current location, Westy's Storage, as a fundraiser at \$50 pp vs. the current \$40 pp.

Annie Hausmann led a discussion about not fundraising to reinstate BOE cut programs, maintaining the standing Winter Wonderland Committee, and keeping the event purely social vs. fundraiser.

Annie Hausmann makes a motion to maintain the Winter Wonderland as social event with no fundraiser. Margaret Ross seconds motion. 14 vote yes, 5 vote no. Motion passes.

**IV. Old Business**

**A. Program Cuts**

Colleen presented a list of the program cuts from the October meeting such as the names of the clubs that have been cut. The items that have been cut are Intramural sports, Interscholastic sports, Track & Field, Ski club, Math club, Bundles Books, Book Club, Engineering, Art club, Cricket court, Creative Kids club and Homework club. Parents asked Mr. Kline questions about clubs and the possibility of parents taking over some of the clubs. At this point, the PTO is waiting for a response from the Board of Education on what parents can help with and utilizing teachers in different ways to still maintain the clubs.

**V. New Business**

**A. Additional Fundraising Opportunities**

Lizz Giampaglia proposes the following ideas:

1. Blue Jean Ball/Spring Fling at the Colonial Inn.

2. Holiday cards presentation in the first grade wing. Each family would pay \$5 to have their family holiday card on display. Wendy Bajakian offered to help.
3. Handprint fundraiser in the APR or the Hallway by the Teacher's Lounge as a permanent display of art. Wendy Ward & Wendy Bajakian offered to help.
4. ShopRite/A&P Gift Cards. People purchase the cards and receive 100% face value of their purchase and our school get's 5% of the purchase. \$1000.00 worth of cards needs to be purchased for \$950.00 by the PTO first. Cathy Santo has volunteered to run the program.
5. Lottery Fundraiser for one month based on the NJ State Lottery. One winner per day \$20 per M-F wins and \$50 Sat/Sun wins. Based on \$10,000 sales potential, winners per day, the potential to earn is \$920.00, which is close to a 90% profit margin. Excluding the cost of ticket printing. Our gaming license would need to be printed on the ticket. Meg Smith has volunteered to run the program.
6. Scratch off cards. \$10 per card and each participant scratches off 2 dots and donates that amount.
7. Winter lined Crocs for sales at a discounted rate of \$25.00 per pair via an online purchasing system, which will give the PTO a \$5.00 donation per pair. All deliveries will be sent to Kumhwah Kim's home. Kumhwah Kim volunteered to run the program and will send an email blast out to the school asap. Motion to approve by Lizz Giampaglia, Samantha Fruhling seconds the motion, All in favor, None opposed, Motion passes.

Mrs. DellaBella gives her email address to Kumwha and asks to be informed in order to provide support to the PTO moving forward. In addition, John Kline and Allison Griffith asked to be notified about all events via email blasts as well. Colleen reminds teachers to become PTO members in order to receive email blasts.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:32

NEXT MEETING: January 13 at 8pm