

Jane Stenson Pta October 6, 2014, meeting began @ 7:06 pm

Motion to approve September minutes: Jen Ruffner and Laceysha Cowan

Bonnie Ognastic, Stephanie Azen-Welt, Michelle Harris, Sagit Adler, Jen Ruffner, Sue O'Neil, Kim Savini, Debra Hatchett, Julie Oh, Rondell Merrill, Priya Amin, Laceysha Cowans, Trina Janese, Wendy Gahm, Diana Dion, Ana Bryant

### **Treasurer's report**

### **President's report**

- Please silence cell phones during meeting
- We now have PTA Volunteer stickers, PTA note cards, PTA pens. They will be in the PTA closet in a smaller, clear bin marked "office supplies."
- Priya will be chairing the sponsorship committee; please contact her with any ideas you might have especially other committee chairs who have an event to host.
- Need volunteers to assist at PTA tables during conferences. Sign up will be sent out
- Register at [illinoispta.org](http://illinoispta.org) and [pta.org\(national\)](http://pta.org(national)) to receive updates regarding what the PTA is involved/working on.

### **Principal's Report**

- Fall Fest was well attended and everyone had a good time.
- The teachers and school board have come to a tentative agreement.
- Dr. Garwood sent a letter to families explaining the 1:1 initiative. Teachers of Stenson are applying to be part of the pilot. Training has already begun with the sixth grade teachers at OOJH.
- Conferences are scheduled this week. The focus of the conferences is to pro-actively plan for the education of our students.
- The district has a crisis plan that includes severe weather. This plan addresses student safety. During our "perfect storm" in September, all adults (teachers and parents) were making the best decision in the moment.
- Indoor recess procedures were explained.
- The Halloween parade is scheduled for October 31 at 2:15 pm. Parties will start @1:30. Only room parents are allowed to help with the classroom parties.
- Any PTA members with individual ideas, comments or questions please contact Mrs. O'Neil.

### **Committee reports**

- Book Fair: Rondell - Volunteers needed Wednesday 5:30 and Thursday afterwards to breakdown email Rondell if you can help.
- Fall Fundraiser: Kim- It is underway, deadline is October 10. Hope to profit \$2600.00.

- Membership: Wendy- First dues payment to Illinois PTA & national PTA for 91 members was submitted. An additional 35 teachers became members Thank you letters will go out with membership cards. Membership recruitment should be ongoing project. Plan to have forms available at Family Fun Night and all subsequent events.
- Restaurant: Karen L.- \$36.00 from 9/18.2014 and \$26.00 from 9/30/14 at CiCi's pizza.Total is \$61.00. Cici's offered \$6.00 pizzas and pass out coupons for a future function.
- Kidstuff books: Debra - So far \$375.00 collected, half of that is our profit. Additional funds to be collected on the Oct PTA meeting.
- Family Fun Night: Debra - Matt Wilhelm (BMX Bike Show) was hired for October 23 at 6:30 - 7:30 pm in the gym. It cost \$475.00, \$25.00 below our budgeted amount.
- Spirit ware: Karalee - nothing to report
- Market day: LaCeysha - First Market day we had 12 orders. Profited \$86.55 divided by 2 \$43.27.When you order you can pick up at GFS anytime. You don't have to pick up at the school.

#### **Unfinished Business or new business**

- Quick Books (accounting software) - Currently without. Trying to stay consistent with softwares between treasurers. Looking for different options.
- Holiday Craft Fair- in November 12 tentatively in the multi purpose room. Will charge a flat fee(\$40.00?) for crafters to rent a table. A vote was passed to make this a committee. The vote was approved. Priya Motioned first and Bonnie motioned second.Cheri Mandel to be committee chair.
- Traffic issues: purchase signs for direction. Vest or coats for more visibility,but If not a school official its difficult to protect the volunteers. Make a committee for safety? Wendy and Mrs O'Neil to meet on this topic.
- Book swap- Books donated to us from Half Price Books in Schaumburg. Hope to have a book swap, using the school store case and repurpose it to hold the books. Who will restock it? Who will keep it up?
- Computer giveaway via Loyola Academy. If anyone knows anyone that needs a computer let Priya know.
- Change meeting time to 6:30? An email vote possible?
- Illinois PTA nominating Board positions if you are interested in serving a position.
- Child Care policies- sign in/sign out child (ren), calm play/have activities for kids that are more quiet. Michelle will format a guidelines for the child care.To define payment,instructions and expectations.
- Cultural Arts Grant- Grant request was submitted to Skokie Fine Arts Commision for \$500.00. These funds will be put towards the PTA's portion of the District 68's portion of the District 68's Cultural Arts Program. We should hear back from the Fine Arts Commission in the next month if the grant money was rewarded.

#### **Upcoming events**

- Parent/teacher conferences:October 8&9 from 5:30 - 8:00 pm
- Book Fair: October 8 & 9 from 5:30 -8:30 pm

- No school: October 13
- Board of Education meeting: October 16 @ 6:30.
- Market Day pickup: Thursday, October 23 from 4:30-5:30
- Family Fun Night: October 23 from 6:30-8:00 pm
- Next PTA meeting November 3 @ 7:00 pm

**Motion to adjourn: Debra and LaCeysha**