

Jane Stenson PTA Meeting
January 5,2015 At 6:45

Attendees: Lisa malina, Jason Malina, Sue O'Neil, Julie Oh, Sagit Adler, Stephanie Welt, Jen Ruffner, Jim Harris, Rondell Merrill, Rebecca Dela Cruz, Wannapa P. Eubanks, Katie McNelley, Cyndi Stevens, Carrie Butera, Michelle Harris, Cheri Mandel, Wendy Gahm

Minutes reviewed and motion to approve by Stephanie and Rebecca.

Treasurer's report:Julie

- Tax return filed for 2013-2014
- Gave the school a check for fieldtrips, teacher's gifts and school gift(PA system). Totalling \$4215.00
- Carrie got Mrs. Lynch and Mrs. Goetz gift cards for baby gifts.

Motion to approve Treasurer's report: Stephanie and Rebecca.

President's report: Lisa-

- Updated list of committee chairman now available and will send it out.
- Need signed Ethical Conduct Agreement. Will email the chairmans the agreement so they can sign and bring to the next meeting.
- Progress update: information sheets, that is information on how many tables and chairs the district has. Also, what is the protocol with working with the school. Lisa is working with Tara to develop a sheet that all of the schools can use. Hope to have this done by the end of the month.
- Progress Update: Standing Rules: In the committee chair binders there is a sheet called Standing Rules, pull it out of the binders. Lisa would like to put dates on when Standing Rules was passed by looking at past minutes. However, when she went back and looked at previous Google Docs, only available information was when Kim was president. In addition, current secretary does not have previous years minutes. Therefore, Lisa will be looking to Edie, past secretary, to see if she has them. Hope to have this completed in March,so we can have a special meeting to approve it.

Principal's Report: Sue

Sue thanked the PTA for all of their accomplishments this year.

Niles North High School is offering free tutoring to our 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students on Tuesdays. The program will start next Tuesday, January 13. Niles North students will assist our students from 4:15-5:15 p.m. on any subject.

Forms are going out for parents to sign their children up for the mobile dentist. The Smile Dentist Program brings dentists to our school and provides dental cleanings, screenings, fluoride and sealants.

The Skokie Public Library's Little Learners Program is starting back up this week. Children who are 4 or 5 years old, and not yet in Kindergarten, are encouraged to attend on Wednesday mornings from 9:00-9:45 a.m. at Stenson. This program is also free and is a wonderful early literacy program for preschoolers.

Outdoor Education is a week away for our fifth graders. We will be going to Camp Timberlee in East Troy, Wisconsin for 3 days.

Students in grades 3, 4 and 5 will be taking a practice PARCC test over the next few weeks. The PARCC test is the state assessment which is replacing the ISAT. The practice test is meant to familiarize the students with the format of this test. Sue answered questions about the test and the practice test logistics.

Committee Reports

- Membership: Wendy- increased by one.
- Book fair: Rondell- January 28 and 29. Volunteers needed for set-up and takedown on Wednesday and Thursday, 5:00-8:30 pm. There is an opportunity to do a third book fair in April or May. It would be a buy one get second item free. Motion to approve, first Cheri, second Rebecca.
- Family Dance: Jason and Lisa- Big Success!!
- Market Day: Laceysha- In December we made \$58.00. Do we want to do a pie night? It would be in March or April. Concern if we can coordinate around a holiday to draw sales. First choice would be Mother's day and second choice would be March in time for Easter.
- Family Game Night: Michelle- Asking for volunteers to help that night. Help with giving directions, crowd containment, or distributing food. Mr. weil will be the Bingo caller. Asking for toy donation for rewards. March 4 @ 6pm for pizza and 7pm Bingo begins.
- Silent Auction: Jen- Thursday, April 23. Will try to incorporate online auction with a free site. Not all items will appear on the website. Popular items will be only for the day of the auction. Just need a Paypal account. Volunteers for Wednesday to stuff envelopes @ 8pm . Movie fee is \$110.00, Priya is looking for a sponsorship.
- Restaurant Night: Karen-Potbelly, 1/21 from 4 pm- 8pm./ Looking to add on another date, but still working on the date.
- Ways & Means: Rebecca- Creating a committee together for fundraising ideas for next year. Meeting day TBA.
- Bulletin Board: Cheri- There are plenty of supplies so need to buy new materials. Anyone interested in posting something send an email. Family Game Night will be put on the bulletin board.

Unfinished Business

- PTA meeting time change, will do it again in February.

- Finalization of the childcare letter- Motion to honor the letter giving them the \$10.00 over the two hour period til the end of the year and reconsider for next year their salary. First motioned Wendy and second Michelle.
- Book swap: Michelle/ Ana: Opened it up to the teachers to look through the boxes of books. Out of 7 boxes we are down to 3 boxes. Michelle will donate remainder of books to Salvation Army.

New Business

- Village Market Place - new fundraiser for district 68. Every Tuesday and Wednesday mention district 68 at checkout it will donate portion of sales to the schools. It will then divide 25% to each of the schools.
- Bus driver/ crossing guard appreciation- Lisa will talk with the other PTA from the other schools to pool together to give a breakfast to show appreciation. PTA voted yes.
- Email will be going out for sign up sheet to staff the PTA tables during the Parent/Teacher conferences.

Upcoming Events

- 5th Grade outdoor Ed: January 14-16
- Board of Education meeting: January 15 @ 6:30pm
- No school: January 19 (Martin Luther King, JR Day)
- Market Day pickup: January 22 from 4:30-5:30 pm
- JS Music Concert: January 22 @ 7 pm
- Parent Teacher Conferences/Bookfair: January 28-29 starting @ 5pm
- Next PTA meeting: February 2, 2015 @ 6:45

Motion to adjourn, First Michelle second Rondell 2 8:20