

Jane Stenson PTA Meeting March 11, 2013 7:00pm

Present:

Mavis Adjei, Priya Amin, Angela Bojinov, Ana Bryant, Pazit Burstin, Laceysha Cowans, Joanne Fuller, Worth Gowell, Debra Hatchett, Karen Koehler-Davis, Jason Malina, Sue O'Neil, Eva Rafas, Kim Savini, Pia Yfantis

Welcome and meeting called to order by Worth Gowell.

Minutes from February 2013 PTA meeting were read. Changes were made. A motion was made to approve the minutes as amended.

Motion to approve Ana Bryant, second Leceysha Cowans, motion carries

Treasurers Report (Pia Yfantis) – So far, we are tracking below budget. We are still waiting on income from the Silent Auction and a cultural grant from the Village of Skokie.

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report as read.

Motion to approve Debra Hatchett, second Eva Rafas, motion carries

President's Report

- Thank you to Pia Y. for her hard work updating the supply and price lists for our school store.
- The Nominating Committee for the open executive positions of President and Secretary have been selected. Priya Amin, Karen Koehler-Davis and Lisa Malina will be searching for candidates for the open positions.

Report from Committee Chairs

- **School Store** (Eva R.) – Thank you to Pia for updating the price lists. We will need someone to take over school store next year.
- **Prepack** (Eva R.) - The Prepack is well on its way. Kindergarten packs were ordered based on an estimate of historical numbers. Other grades will have order forms sent home after Spring Break. Families will have the option to order online or via paper with no difference in cost. Eva will be happy to do the pre-pack in the fall, but she would like someone to team with her so they can take it over the following year.
- **Box Tops** (Kim S.) – Raised \$405 this year with over one thousand labels. Several Labels for Education were also turned in. Kim looked into the program and it is more of a merchandise redemption program.
- **Market Days** (Laceysha C.) – Nov. through Feb. saw an average of 20 customers. We are raising more than expected so far. This month is pie month! Get our orders in. LaCeysha needs help on May 23.
- **Stenson Restaurant Night** (Worth Gowell for Karen Lostenau) – The restaurant night at Chuck E. Cheese raised \$209. One person mentioned that there was a long line to get in when they came. Could we avoid doing it the same night as another school or do it at a different restaurant?
- **Silent Auction** (Jason) – The auction is March 5- 21 and catalogs have been sent home. Thank you to those who helped solicit items and get the booklets distributed.

Principal's report

- ISATs have been completed. There were 9 make-up tests for one class. Five new students just registered and they will have to take the test even though English is not their primary language.
- After Spring Break, the COGAT test will be given to assess student aptitude. It will determine who will be eligible for the ALP Accelerated Learning Program (ALP), formerly known as the Gifted and Talented Program. Second through fifth grade students will be tested to create a norm group, then after that only second and fifth will be tested.
- Kindergarten orientation was last week, with 31 parents attend. This is the highest attendance that Stenson has seen. If you know of children who will be eligible for Kindergarten, notify the Stenson office.
- Question came up as to whether Stenson can restore sports at recess? Mrs. O'Neil responded that it was a difficult question, and that students have a difficult time with organized sports and competition without appropriate supervision. It is not a part of the PE curriculum so it's difficult for students to work within rules at recess.
- Question came up as to whether after school sports could be extended to the younger grades. Mrs. O'Neil responded that the current programs for 4th and 5th grades are so popular it would be difficult to add additional times for the lower grades.
- The little girl who had an accident sliding down the snow mountain is fine but with an accident, the school always errs on the side of caution, so an ambulance was called.

New Business

- Staff Appreciation week is coming up in early May. There was some discussion about ideas about how best to have the students (and parents) recognize the staff.

A Motion to adjourn was made by Jason Malina, with a second by Kim Savini.